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BABY BOY BORN IN H.M.S. CAPETOWN IN SHANGHAI

Admiral Crabbe Expresses Desire To Be God Father

FREE-FOR-ALL IN SHAUKIWAN MAIN STREET

Shaukiwan residents were rudely awakened at about 6 a.m. on Christmas morning by shouts and cries for help from a crowd of Chinese labourers engaged in a "free fight" outside No. 281, Main Street West.

It appears that the fight resulted from a dispute among the workmen of a nearby oil factory over the use of a certain machine in the factory.

The labourers were divided into two groups, Hakkas and Cantonese, each maintaining their right of use of the machine.

In a few minutes, some 50 to 60 labourers were staging an "all in" bout which eventually led to the arrest of seven of the ring leaders on the arrival of the police.

One of the labourers was seriously injured and was conveyed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

DRIVE TO AID FAMILIES OF CHINA'S ARMIES

Canton, To-day.

Hardships suffered by thousands of families of Chinese soldiers will soon be alleviated as a result of a large meeting yesterday afternoon, at which the Governor of Kwangtung, Gen. Wu Teh-chen, urged the civil leaders' organisation to co-operate with the provincial government to take care of these unfortunates.

The Governor was much concerned over the welfare of families all over Kwangtung, while their breadwinners in the front line are resisting Japanese aggression, and a big drive is expected on their behalf. — Reuter.

KWANGTUNG RADIO LINKS

Canton, To-day.

Arrangements are being made for establishing communication with all district towns in the pro-

CRUISER NOW BOUND FOR HONG KONG

Hankow, To-day.

IT is belatedly learned that a son was born to the wife of a Chinese, Mr. Y. T. Lok, on board H.M.S. Capetown in Shanghai on Christmas morning.

A signal received by the naval authorities in Hankow states that both mother and child are doing well.

MR. LOK, WHOSE WIFE WAS ONE OF TWO EXPECTANT MOTHERS WHO TRAVELLED TO SHANGHAI FROM HANKOW ON THE BRITISH CRUISER, IS A SINGAPORE-BORN CHINESE CONNECTED WITH THE HANKOW OFFICE OF IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.

The acting Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Vice-Admiral Crabbe, was delighted to hear of the happy event, and sent a signal from Hong Kong to H.M.S. Capetown, saying: "I am delighted to hear of your success and I request you to present my congratulations, and those of the whole China Fleet, to Mrs. Lok."

"I would very much like to be godfather, even only by proxy, to this child born under such unusual circumstances."

SMILE TURNED

The fact that ship's orders state both births and deaths must be written in the ship's log, has always brought a smile to enlisting navymen.

Residents of Hankow are delighted that the baby was born on the cruiser, which became very popular during her stay here.

A Missionary, Dr. Clellan, is stated to have officiated at the birth. He was the only civilian on board the cruiser when she left for Shanghai. His own wife was the other expectant mother on the Capetown.

PARISH OF STEPNEY!

Apparently, birth of a child on a British warship, though a very singular event, has occurred before, because rumour has it that a child so born automatically becomes a member of the parish of Stepney.

This, however, is doubted in some quarters.

H.M.S. Capetown at present is on the way to Hong Kong. — Reuter.

vince by wireless telegraphy.

The necessary apparatus has already been bought by the Canton authorities. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, To-day.

Seven Japanese warships have been sighted off Lenshanwei, about one and a half hours journey by launch across the bay from Tsingtao, according to Chinese reports. — Reuter.

NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

M. Luganetsorelsky, the new Soviet Ambassador to China, arrived here by air yesterday afternoon from Lanchow. He was tired after his long journey.

The Ambassador will rest at the office of the Soviet Embassy here, after which he is expected to proceed to Chungking to present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen. — Reuter.

St. John's Island. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE LEAVE ST. JOHN ISLAND

Canton, To-day.

It is officially reported here that the 2,000 Japanese marines who occupied St. John's Island some few weeks ago, departed from the island on Christmas Eve.

The ships which transported the marines were reported to have departed towards Formosa.

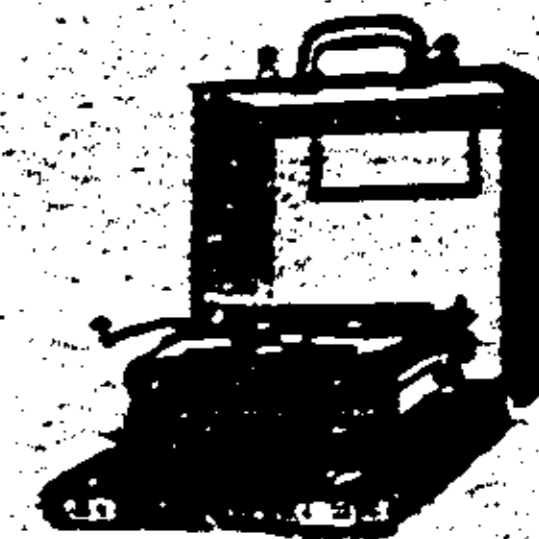
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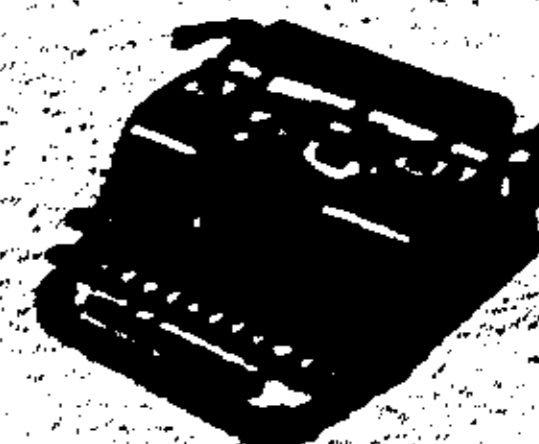
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Why Do I Make Women Wild?

Women are the funniest things. When I first revealed myself as a twenty-six-year-old bachelor who wasn't in particular need of a wife, I received a storm of indignant letters.

Most of them came from either girls who had given up the chase after a husband, or the hopeful maidens who felt that by revealing a few feminine tricks I was spoiling their chances.

When I modestly wrote about the girl who some day might capture my affection, the indignant storm became a cyclone.

I have been denounced as a

"conceited pup" and a "cheap toad." Scores of girls have wasted time, paper, pen and ink and three ha'penny stamp to tell me that they wouldn't marry me if I was the last man left alive on the earth.

Honestly, this has worried me. Despite the heartening letters I have received from fellow-bachelors, the whole affair has become a bit of a puzzle.

And after a great deal of pondering I have made up my mind.

You women aren't too sure of yourselves!

Man was once a kind of two-

legged creature, born to bring you flowers and chocolates and compliments.

But you became over-confident.

Unsatisfied with your established role as world idol, you claimed equality with man.

In a million-and-one offices, you replaced men clerks.

Men ceased giving up their train compartment seats for you.

They recognised that you were in competition with them.

And, unfortunately for you, my dear creatures, a strange change overcame the vital statistics of this land.

More girls were being born than boys.

And you women, having revealed yourselves in this great emancipation movement as plain, working folk instead of the goddesses we men had previously believed you to be, found yourselves among the great unwanted.

In other words, your pretty little plan had turned into a boomerang and was whizzing back among yourselves.

Mind, I'm sorry for you.

I admire anyone who engineers a deep-laid scheme. And I am heartily sorry when this plan goes wrong.

But why throw a fit of stark hysteria when I point out what all the world knows: that your little tricks and hints and ogings and mannerisms are as familiar to the everyday man as the form of his favourite football team?

You're not quite sure of yourselves in this bewildering modern world. You have won a place in industry, you have got the vote, you have established your right to sunbathe in the near-nude.

Yet all the time you keep on asking yourselves:—

"Is it all worth while? Is this the right way to attract the boys?"

You look at pictures of Victorian women, superb in their elaborate gowns, embroidered bodices, imposing bustles and sweeping trains.

And though you pity them for the things they had to put up with, you're secretly wondering whether they, not you, possessed the secret of attracting men in the speediest and most convenient fashion.

You console yourselves by attracting the glances of some poor, sex-starved mutt who hasn't the money to take a girl out for the evening.

You are delighted when, following a close scrutiny of his moony glances, his awkward gestures and impaired appetite, you decide he is in love with you.

Of course, he's in love with you. But is he worth marrying?

And nobody knows better than yourselves that the eligible bachelor, the man who really would make a good husband, the fellow who's going to get on, is becoming less and less interested.

That is why you were mad when I said that the intelligent, modern young man has weighed the advantages of marriage and found them wanting, compared with his business career as a single man.

Of course, people go on falling in love, marrying and having babies.

That is a natural law of human progress.

But you must permit the wise young man to stand above the general rout and say to himself: "Well, why should I join in?"

Oh no, there is a melancholy warning for the bachelor in the divorce reports, in the rush to the law courts which is preceding the new divorce laws.

And there is an even more striking warning in the behaviour of his married friends, once good fellows and roaring companions who are now mere shadows of some self-asserting-stupid little wife.

It has already been made clear to me that girls do not wish to hear anything I have to say.

Nevertheless, I will tell them one thing.

Come down off your perch!

That pedestal has been kicked away years ago—by yourselves. So why pretend it is still there?

I started this article by wondering why I make women wild.

I know now.

I have told the plain truth.

GOOD YEAR

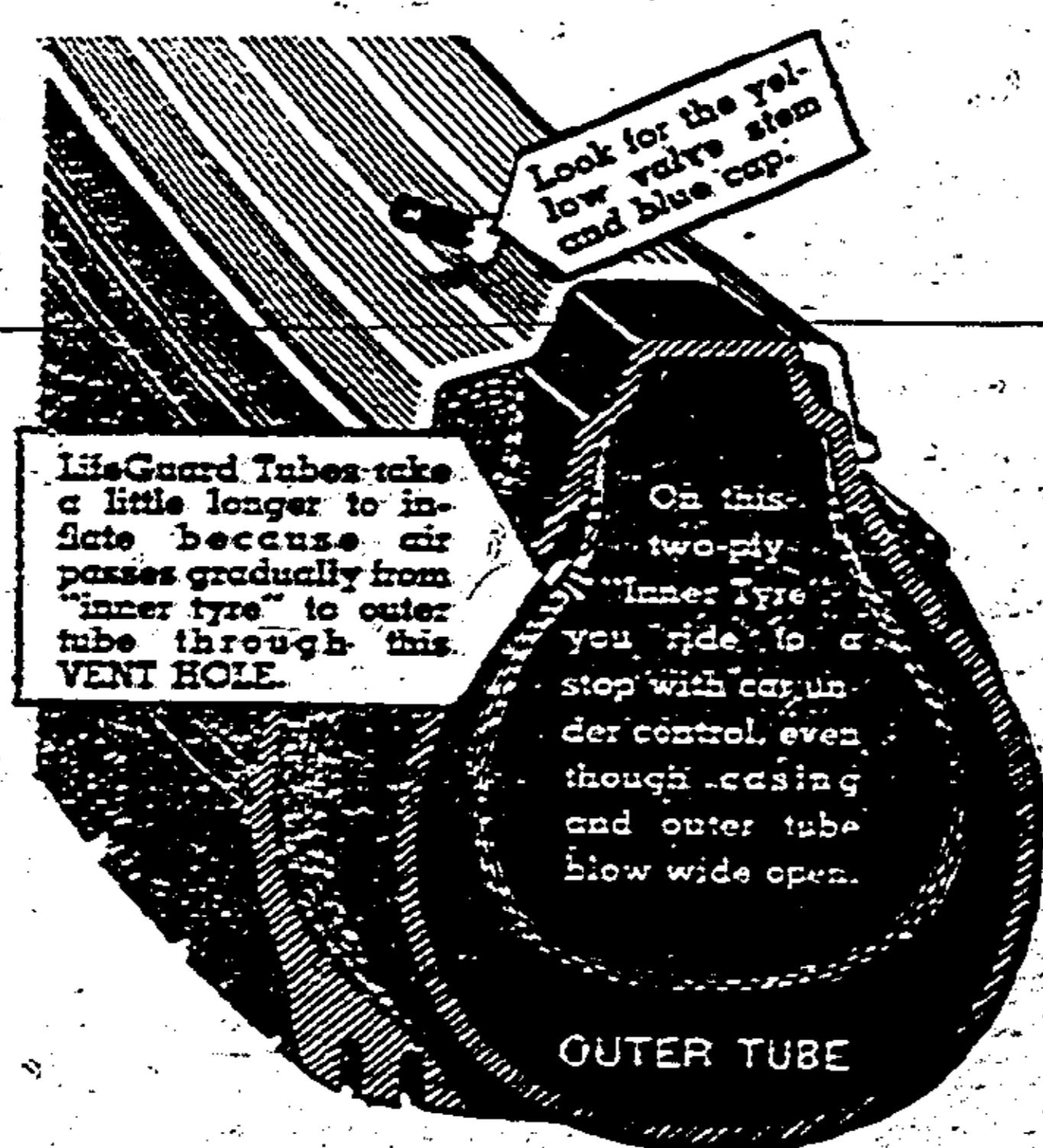
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Carols Quartette From The Studio

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—The Mills Brothers.
Rhythm Saved The World (Cahn, Chaplin).
Shoe Shine Boy (Cahn, Chaplin).
My Headache (Razaf, Johnson).
Miss Otis Regrets (Cole Porter).
12.42 p.m.—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Frances Langford (Vocal).
Nimble Fingered Gentleman (Mayerl).
Mistletoe (Mayerl).
Billy Mayerl.
Is It True What They Say About Dixie (Caesar, Lerner, Marks).
Melody From The Sky (from "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine").
Frances Langford.
Orange Blossom (Mayerl).
Limehouse Blues (Braham-trans. Mayerl).
Billy Mayerl.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra.
A Night At The Proms (Bizet, Schubert, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Bach and Nicolai).

Today's Wireless

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Bavarian Dance. Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar).
Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 2 (Elgar).
'Khowantchina' — Persian Dances (Moussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestra—
'This'll Make You Whistle' Selection.
Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.
Vocal—
One Of The Little Orphans Of The Storm.
Queen of Hearts (both from film 'Queen of Hearts').
Gracie Fields.
Piano—
Accordeon Band—Wine Song (film 'Caravan').
London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Humorous—
The Stocking (Henry and Reeve).

John Henry and 'Blossom'.
Vocal—
Dere's A Man Goin' Roun' Takin' Names (Brown).
Work All De Summer, Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel (Brown).
Paul Robeson (Bass).
Orchestra—
L'ultima Parola—Tango (Ferraris).
Sweetheart Czardas (Marie).
Don Rico and His Gypsy Girls Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
3.00-3.05 p.m.—European Programme.
3.05-11.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
3.00 p.m.—Relay of The Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6.30 p.m.—Children's Records.
Children's Overture (Quilter).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Uncle Peter's Children's Party.
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
6.48 p.m.—Organ Music.
Choral (Bach).
Andante—from 'Sonata No. 6' (Mendelssohn).
Edouard Commette (Organ).
Cantilene Nuptiale (Dubois).
Imperial March (Elgar).
Stanley Roper playing on the Organ of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.
7.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral and Vocal Concert.
Haffner Serenade-Rondo (Mozart).
Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.
Cie Czardasfurstin — Potpourri (Kalmann).
Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.
Si Vous Voyez Celle Que J'Aime (Bos-Billant).
Toujours Content De Moi (Bos-Billant).
Albert Prjean (Vocal).
Natacha, Marche Tzigane (Kaper and Jurmann).
Les Nuits Moscovites, Waltz (from the film).
Alfred Hode at sea Tzigane.
Old Vienna Melodies (Pollack).
Good Old Times.
This Year's Wine.
Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

ket Report.
7.35 p.m.—Studio — Carols Quartette: Eva Turner (Soprano), Helen Lockhart (Contralto), G. d'Aguiro (Tenor), Victor Sanders (Baritone), accompanied by E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Relay from the Tai Ping Theatre.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.
3.05-11.00 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—Ballet Egyptian (Gauguin).
Played by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.18 p.m.—Songs by Maria Eggerth (Soprano).
Love's Melody (from the film).
Voices Or Spring—Waltz—Song (John Strauss-Genee-Grothe).
The Blue Danube—Waltz—Song (John Strauss-Amberg-Grothe).
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Empire Exchange.
Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.
8.45 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody On A Theme Of Paganini For Piano And Orchestra, Op. 43.
Played by Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.18 p.m.—Songs by Rose Bampton (Contralto) and Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—Jack Payne's Party. Jack Payne is having a party in the studio to which he has invited several world-famous stage, film, and radio stars. Listen in and join in the fun.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.
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2.15 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
3 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
4 p.m.—A chat about the week's programme.
4.15 p.m.—J. S. Bach's last composition.
5.15 p.m.—Sports Review.
6 p.m.—Light music.
8 p.m.—News.
8.55 p.m.—Greetings.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

FINESSES

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I follow with great interest your repeated statements that average players take entirely too many finesse. As one of the most average of all average players in the country, I am strongly inclined to agree with your point of view, but without what remedy to apply. For the last two months I have kept careful count of every finesse I have taken, and to date the score stands as follows:

Finesses taken 243
Finesses won 116
Finesses lost 132

Either I am a darned poor finesser, or am not a favourite of the goddess of chance.

"I am submitting a hand that is fairly typical. Misguessing the location of the diamond queen cost me a two-game rubber. What I would like to know is whether an expert would have played the hand in such a way as to avoid the finesse? North, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S.—K Q 7
H.—A Q 6
D.—K 10 9 7 3
C.—J 2

WEST EAST
S.—5 S.—6 4 3 2
H.—J 10 7 3 2 H.—K 8 4
D.—Q 8 4 2 D.—5
C.—Q 5 4 C.—A K 10 9 7

SOUTH
S.—A J 10 9 8
H.—9 5
D.—A J 6
C.—6 3 2

The bidding:

North East South West
1 diamond 2 clubs 2 spades Pass
3 spades Pass 4 spades Pass
Pass Pass

"West opened the queen of clubs and, when East signaled with the deuce, shifted to the heart jack. I could well afford the heart finesse and saw no reason for going up with the ace, hence played the queen which lost to East's king. East cashed the club king, and led the club ace, which I ruffed in dummy. I cashed the spade king, overtook the queen, and drew trumps. West discarded one diamond and two hearts.

"Having lost three tricks, it now was all up to the diamond guess, and I guessed wrong, leading to

the king and finessing back to the jack. Please tell me whether this was hard luck, or whether I should take up tiddley-winks as an avocation.

"Yours very truly,
"R. O. T., Boston."

The answer is that definitely it was not hard luck that caused R. O. T.'s defeat, but who can say that he would be any better at tiddleywinks?

The crux of this hand was that absurdly simple but frightfully neglected part of bridge known as "counting the opponents' distribution." Declarer could be sure, for two separate reasons, that East had no fewer than five clubs. His overcall at the two-level strongly suggested this, and his partner's lead of the queen confirmed the count. It was quite all right to take the heart finesse but, after it lost, the succeeding play should have been a lead pipe cinch. After ruffing the third club in dummy and drawing four rounds of trumps, declarer apparently remained stone blind to the fact that East had shown four spades in addition to five clubs. This left only four cards in his hand to be accounted for, and correct play would have accounted for them precisely!

With one trump left, declarer should have led to the heart ace and ruffed dummy's remaining heart. The purpose of this play would be to find out whether East had started with as many as three hearts. With East actually following to both heart leads, the last three tricks would have been automatic. East had been proved to hold five clubs, four spades, and at least three hearts. Therefore, he could have no more than one diamond. The diamond ace would reveal that it was not the queen, and a finesse against West, far from being a guess, would become absolutely established.

The answer, therefore, must be that an expert would not have avoided the diamond finesse, but most certainly would have "guessed it."

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Dealer opened with one heart. What is second hand's correct bid with

S.—K Q 6 4 H.—8 3 D.—A Q J 6 C.—K J 10?

Answer: Double.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Seventh Heaven"—Famous as a silent picture, this most glamorous of all romances rises to new heights as a talkie. It stars Simone Simon, James Stewart, Jean Hersholt, Gregory Ratoff, Gale Sondergaard, J. Edward Bromberg and John Qualen.

AT THE KING'S—"Ali Baba Goes To Town", with Eddie Cantor, Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang and Louise Rovic. The long awaited musical comedy with several song hits.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Vogues Of 1938", with Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett, Helen Vinson, Nicha Auer, Alan Mowbray and Polly Rowles. Next year's fashions in fun, gowns, girls, love and music dances and tech. nicolour are introduced into this gay musical extravaganza from the story of Samuel and Bella Spewack who wrote the sensational stage success "Boy Meets Girl".

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Varsity Show"—Reading, rioting and rhythmic to the tune of toe-ticking melodies. More songs, more laughs, more girls, more new ideas than any show since "42nd St." Starring Dick Powell, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, Ted Healy, Walter Catlett, Priscilla Lane, John Davis, Rosemary Lane and Baci and Bubbles.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"God's Country And The Woman"—George Brent and Beverly Roberts, supported by Barton MacLane, Robert Barrat and El Brendel in technicolour film.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Make A Wish"—With Bobby Breen, Henry Arnette, Marion Chaire, and Herbert Rawlinson. A thoroughly enjoyable picture with a pleasing mixture of comedy romance and fun with beautiful backgrounds.



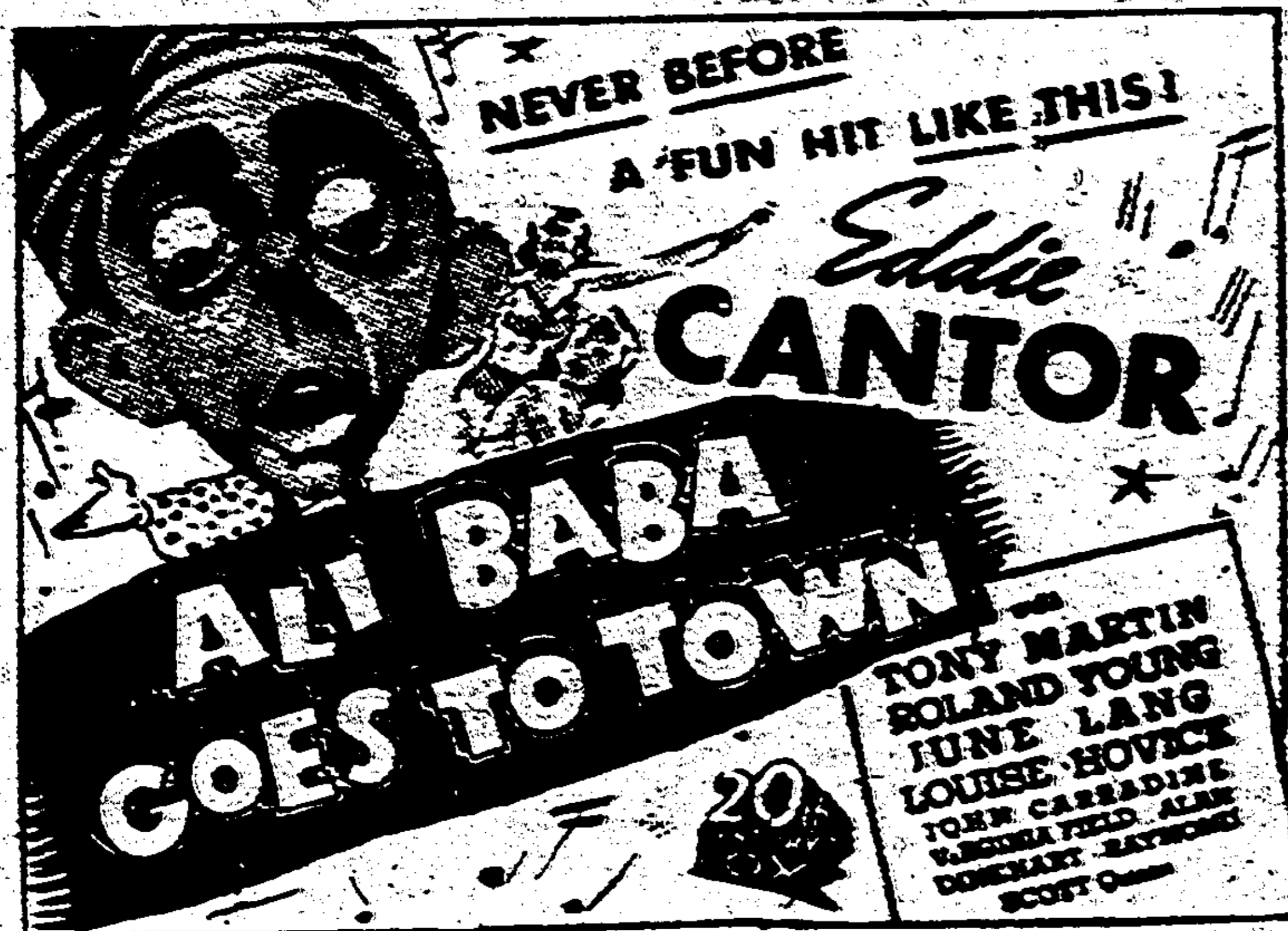
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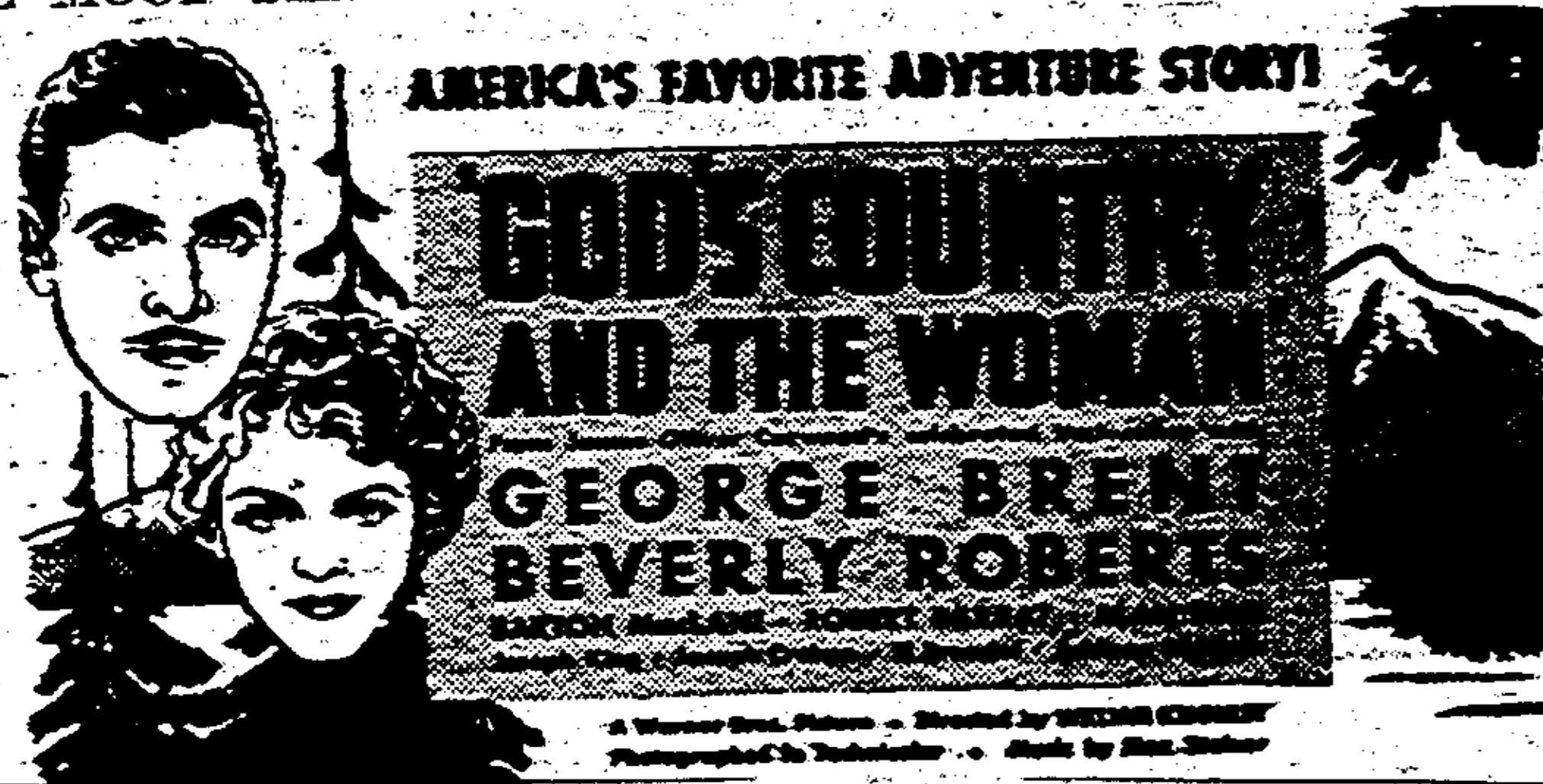
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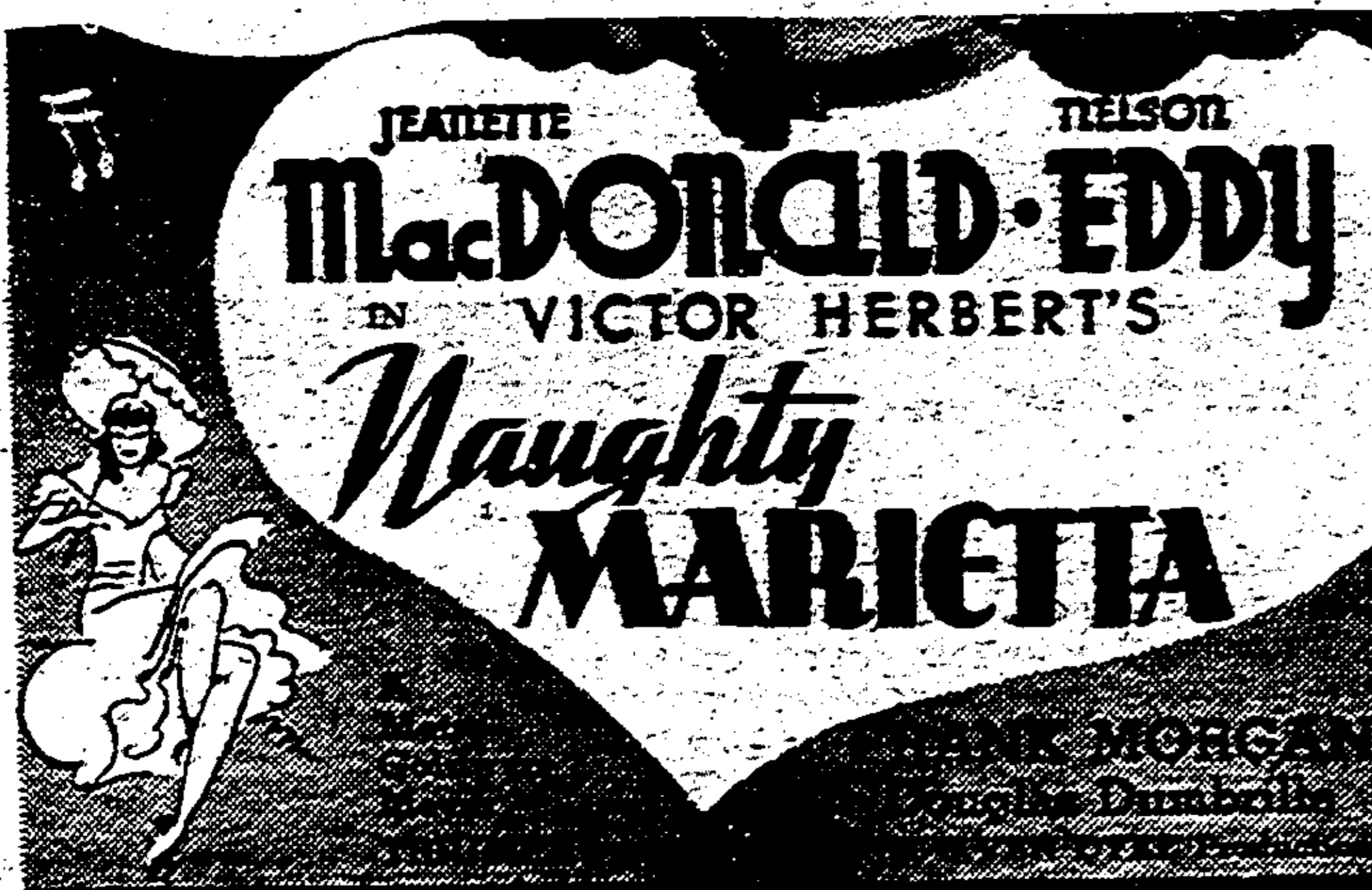
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De Valera's Xmas Message On New Constitution

Dublin, To-day.

IN his Christmas message to the Irish people, President Eamonn de Valera referred to the new Irish Constitution, which will come into force to-morrow (Tuesday) as the "harvest gained from a century of sacrifice" and as "liberation from the obligations imposed upon the Irish nation."

President de Valera said that the Irish people now stood on the threshold of a new era.

It was centuries since any generation of Irishmen had such possibilities as now belonged to the present one.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The day on which the new Constitution came into force, when the Irish Free State would disappear and its place be taken by "Eire," would be declared a national holiday.

In this new State, Mr. de Valera will bear the official title of Prime Minister.

The name of the first President of "Eire" continues to remain Mr. de Valera's secret.—Trans-Ocean.

\$1,000 PAID FOR LOCAL ARTIST'S WORK

A record has been made in the sale of pictures in Mr. Pau Shiu Yau's One-man Show at the China Building. Amongst other pictures a long hand-roll titled "Landscape in Kowloon" was sold at \$1,000.

Other high-priced pictures sold were "White Peacock" and "Fish" and a quadruplet of the four-season series in which different forms of the moon were depicted which ranged from \$150 up to \$400. Of the twenty pictures sold for the benefit of War Relief already one half have been sold.

It was originally intended to close the Exhibition at 7 p.m. to-day, but in view of the very large number of visitors to the Exhibition it has been decided to extend it for one more day. Art lovers who might have missed it on account of the Christmas holidays should make a point of paying it a visit.

SUN YUAN-LIANG NOW REPORTED SAFE

Hankow, Saturday.

General Sun Yuan-liang, commander of the 88th Division who was rumoured drowned while crossing the Yangtse before the fall of Nanking, arrived safely at Kaifeng by the Christmas express which left Hankow on Thursday with about 300 passengers and picked up a few at Changsha.

The next international train for Hong Kong is leaving on Wednesday. The necessary arrangements are almost completed and it is hoped to evacuate about another 300.—Reuter.

PACIFIC FLIGHT TO NEW ZEALAND

Auckland, To-day.

The "Samoa Clipper," which left Pago Pago, in Samoa, on Saturday, on a trial flight from the United States to New Zealand, has arrived here.

The flight is the first carried out by Pan-American Airways in their new America-New Zealand service.—Reuter.

DINNER DANCE AT KOWLOON TONG CLUB

The Kowloon Tong Garden City Association will hold its first social function for 1938, next Saturday, New Year's Day, in the form of a Chinese dinner dance to be held on the Club's premises.

Micky's Melody Makers will provide the music and, together with the gay illuminated decorations, should contribute in no small measure to the success which always attends these cosmopolitan gatherings.

Tickets at \$3.00 each, including dinner, and after dinner cover charge \$1.50, are on sale at the club. Dinner accommodation is limited to 120.

NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Eleventh Annual Agricultural Exhibition of the New Territories Agricultural Association will be held on January 8 and 9 next.

Instead of having the Exhibition at Sheungshui as previously the Association plans to hold it next year at Fanling where they have just recently completed the building of their headquarters.

SOVIET MINISTER NOT IN PURGE

London, To-day.

According to a despatch from Oslo to the "Daily Telegraph," the Soviet Minister in Oslo denies that his reported recall has any connection with the "purge" of the diplomatic service.

The Minister, who has been in the diplomatic service for eighteen years, says he has been appointed to a high post in the Foreign Office in Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN PAYS FOR WAR FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS CHINA

War is apparently costing Japan five times as much as it does China, believe foreign military observers.

The Japanese emergency budget calls for \$750,000,000, as compared to China's \$150,000,000.

Most obvious reason for the difference is that Japan is fighting on foreign soil. Half a million men have been transported from 200 to 1,000 miles, depending upon their base in Japan or Manchukuo.

A fleet of seventy steamers carry troops to different ports in China. Railway operating costs in North China nearly all come from the Japanese Army's pocket.

Another drain on the Japanese war-chest is the drafting of 400,000 men normally employed in agriculture and industry. Their salaries are relatively low, but the army payroll probably exceeds \$50,000,000 per month, it is estimated.

Prodigal With Ammunition

China's normal standing army exceeds two million men, so her emergency budget includes little new expense for salaries, food, and clothing for her soldiers.

Japanese are far more prodigal than the Chinese in the use of bullets, shells, and bombs, state neutral observers.

Against the northern Chinese armies which used little artillery, the Japanese used three-inch rifles and six-inch howitzers extensively. As many as five hundred rounds were poured into single villages, though the shells are estimated to cost from \$12 each depending on size.

At Shanghai the Japanese Navy was even more liberal with its heavy shells. When a single Chinese machine gun opened fire on a Japanese destroyer, the navy would sometimes reply with several hours' bombardment.

100 Bombs To 1

The enormous numbers of bombs which the Japanese airforce dropped on single military objectives have amazed all observers who have seen the official aerial photographs.

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On the Shanghai front the Japanese probably dropped a hundred bombs where the Chinese dropped one, it is believed.

Japan must also pay for the upkeep of her imperial navy, of which more than 200 war vessels are now said to be participating in the Chinese blockade, shelling Chinese ports, and assisting the land forces wherever possible.

BRITAIN AND HER WAR DEBTS

Statement Of Receipts And Payments

The aggregate amount paid by or for account of Germany in respect of reparation and costs of occupation is 20,598,000,000 gold marks—£1,010,000,000 at the old par of exchange.

These figures were quoted from the accounts of the Reparation Commission and the Bank of International Settlements by Colonel Colville, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

He explains that it is not possible to give a figure for the United Kingdom alone which is strictly comparable to this figure. The surplus of liquidated ex-German property in this country is included in our records but receipts on account of costs of occupation, which could not be distinguished without great labour, are not to be found there. On this basis our total receipts from Germany reparation payments have been \$122,000,000.

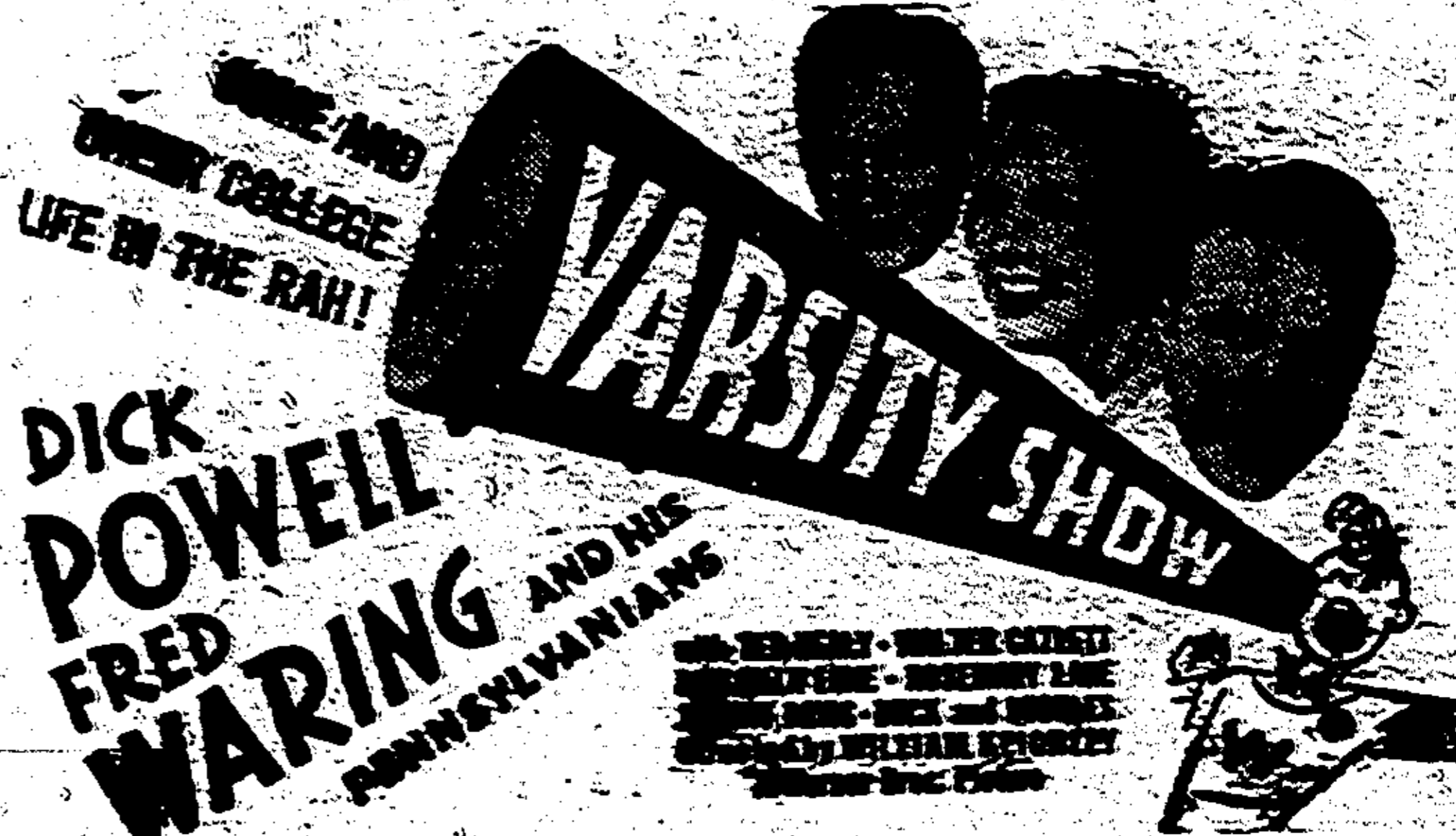
The United Kingdom has received on account of war debts, excluding the debts from the Dominions and Colonies, \$71,000,000. From the Dominions and Colonies \$110,000,000 has been received.

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GIORNALE D'ITALIA'S NEW ATTACK ON BRITAIN

Rome, To-day.

THE speech of the Swiss President and the initiative of the Netherlands Government for recognition of Italian conquest in Abyssinia by the Oslo Convention states, have been seized upon by "Giornale d'Italia" as an opportunity to launch a sharp attack on London and Paris in its Christmas issue under the heading "Two Clubs Upon the Head."

The article argues against the thesis that the League of Nations can guarantee protection of the smaller nations which are now, in fact, showing how they regard the League with impatience and suspicion.

It has been proved, says the article, that the refusal of the League to recognise the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, is not attributable to the initiative of the smaller powers but to Britain and France, alone, who have all along been endeavouring to conduct an anti-Italian policy under the cloak of collectivity.

Hence, says the article, their attempt to enlist the support of the smaller powers.—Trans-Ocean.



RIFLES THAT NO-ONE WANTED. Weapons, steel helmets and other equipment abandoned by Chinese troops in a bomb-crater they had been using as a trench in the defence of Nanking.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT

Paris, To-day.

Confidence regarding the outcome of the Spanish civil war was expressed yesterday by Senor Alvarez del Vayo, former Spanish Foreign Minister, in an interview in Paris.

Senor del Vayo, who is now Valencia's delegate to Geneva, was passing through Paris on his way to London.

The military organisation of Republican Spain, he said, had greatly improved, so that it was now possible for headquarters to despatch reinforcements to any part of the country.

General Franco's new offensive, if it was ever delivered, would prove a failure.—Trans-Ocean.

CUSTOMARY RAIDS ON THE RAILWAYS

Canton, Saturday.

Telephonic communications between Canton and Ying Tak on the Canton-Hankow Line were severed this morning when nine Japanese planes raided the line.

Bombs were also dropped near Cheungmuktau on the Canton-Kowloon Line.

Six planes raided the Canton-Nanyang line also this morning, but caused no damage in that area.—Our Own Correspondent.

Archbishop's Xmas Broadcast Message

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN APPEAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN HIS HOME TO BEAR WITNESS TO CHRISTIANITY "OPENLY AND COURAGEOUSLY" AMONG HIS FELLOWS, WAS MADE BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IN A BROADCAST TO THE NATION.

The Archbishop asked who could think without sickening heart of the appalling slaughter, suffering and manifold misery brought by war to Spain and China.

He urged that the individual, be willing that the underlying causes of discontent should be examined impartially, so that justice might be done, for public opinion, which ultimately swayed policy, was created only by the feelings and judgments of individual men and women.—Reuter.

HUNGARY'S PEACE POLICY

Budapest, To-day.

Peace was the keynote of an official declaration by the Hungarian Premier to the press to-day.

He said Hungary, during the past year, had continued faithfully to adhere to her traditional policy of peace, and would pursue the same policy in future.—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPAN ISSUING NEW NORTH CHINA CURRENCY

"Associated Reserve Bank" To Be Formed

CHINESE BANKS TO SURRENDER SILVER

Tokyo, To-day.

A Japanese report from Peiping says that moving to ensure financial stability in the area under its control, the "provisional government" has decided to create an associated Reserve Bank of China.

Capitalised at \$50,000,000, the new organ will issued inconvertible currency accepted at par with Yen and Manchukuo Yuan.

OUTER MONGOLIA AGREEMENT

Hankow, To-day.

It is learned in official circles that an agreement has been reached between the delegates of the Chinese Government and the Outer Mongolian Government as a result of protracted negotiations at Sianfu for the restoration of Chinese jurisdiction over Outer Mongolia.

This agreement will be given effect as soon as ratifications are secured from the respective Governments.

Another important conference, at which the Governments of China, Soviet Russia and Outer Mongolia will be represented, will be held at Sianfu to-morrow for the purpose of working out a plan for military

Capital of the bank will be subscribed in equal parts by leading Chinese and Japanese banking organisations.

Japanese institutions participating in the project are the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Bank of Taiwan, and Chinese banks subscribing include the Provincial Bank of Hopei.

SILVER RESERVE.

All these banks will be required to surrender silver bullion and certain securities to the reserve organ.

The new institution will apply to a Japanese banking syndicate for opening credits of 10,000,000 yen to be used to maintain stability of the currency and for industrial development.

Gold and silver also will be purchased by the new organ to replenish its reserve.—Reuter.

aid to China. Madame Sun Yat Sen and Mr. Sun Fo will represent China at the conference.—Hua Nan.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED

Haifa, To-day.

Lt. M. W. Mountain, of the 1st Battalion, the Border Regiment, who was seriously wounded in fighting against Arab rebels in the Hills of Galilee on Saturday, has died.—Reuter.

LUNATICS AT LARGE IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

A fire on Saturday night destroyed the lunatic asylum at Montredon, near Lepuy, where 135 inmates were housed.

The bodies of seven inmates have been recovered, and it is feared that another is still under the debris.

Twelve dangerous lunatics escaped during the blaze.—Reuter.

BRITISH BATON FOR ANTI-JAPANESE ORCHESTRA

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Recalling the Triple Intervention of 1895, which prevented Japan from annexing the Liaotung Peninsula after the Sino-Japanese war of 1894-95, Mr. Soho Tokutomi, the "grand old man of Japanese journalism," to-day warned his co-nationals against a repetition of foreign intervention.

Writing in the "Tokyo Nichi-Nichi," of which he is the Associate Editor and Adviser, the 74-year-old publicist urged the nation to take every possible measure to preclude the possibility of foreign interference in the current dispute with China.

Full co-operation, he declared, must be maintained with Japan's new allies, Germany and Italy.

WORKERS SPEND STRIKING CHRISTMAS

Paris, To-day.

The transport workers strike continued unsettled over Christmas.

Precautions were taken by the authorities to ensure an adequate supply of food.

Large quantities of supplies of all sorts have accumulated at Paris railway stations.—Trans-Ocean.

"Great Britain," the article said, "is apparently planning to intervene in the Sino-Japanese controversy by organizing a joint front with the United States, Soviet Russia, France and China, although it is uncertain thus far if these powers are ready to play in an anti-Japanese orchestra to a British baton."—Domei.



HIS BATTLES OVER. One of the valiant Chinese rearguard that held out to the last against the Japanese invaders of Nanking, dead at his post.

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AGELESS FACE OF OXFORD

ETHERNAL, changeless Oxford has in the last seven years changed beneath the surface more than any place I have seen in England. It must be emphasised that the change is beneath the surface. Oxford turns the same serene, ancient, yet ageless face on the world as ever; a walk through the golden-grey streets to-day is substantially the same as a walk through the same streets seven years ago; and perhaps the same as it was, and will be, three centuries since and hence.

There are slight changes, of course. From Blackwell's shop to the corner of Parks Road there is an ugly, gaping hole as shocking as the sudden gap in the front teeth of a beloved face. The old houses have come down to make way for the new Bodleian building, which, a disgruntled don informed me, will tone with nothing and ought to be far off in the fastnesses of the Banbury Road, anyway.

But the disappearance of ancient buildings, not of an academic nature, is as old as the departure of the thirteenth century Roebuck Hotel to make way for a shop where everything that costs sixpence or less is sold to increase millionfold the publicity value of the Countess Haugwitz Reventlov. There are multiple stores all down the now rubber-paved Cornmarket. Each site harbours a ghost of ancient Oxford; and the lovers of the eternal town never cease to bemoan the fact. The colleges probably bemoan the changes less; each ghost, each site belonged to an Oxford College and was duly hawked throughout the market be-

fore being sold to whatever multiple store at present graces it.

The Munificent Nuffield

When such facts are digested it might appear that this home of innocent learning has nothing to learn from commerce, but in truth no news of Oxford has such world-wide importance to-day as the latest mammoth bequest of Lord Nuffield. I visited the site of the college that is to be built with an endowment of a million pounds to study the problem of bridging the gulf between pure academic training and applied industrial activity to the benefit of the nation. The college is to be built in New Road, beside the Canal and not far from the old Castle and Gaol. No doubt that is a site as near to the centre of Oxford as even a Nuffield can obtain; as a graduate of Worcester College which used to be irreverently known as Botany Bay, I would be the last to suggest that it is unduly distant from Carfax.

Lord Nuffield bought the site a year ago. Mr. Charles Fenby, the editor of Oxford's daily paper, told me that he had asked him why at the time, and Lord Nuffield had told him that he could not think of an immediate purpose for it. He had at the time some idea of transforming it into a public park. The new college will be completed, Lord Nuffield hopes, within five years. The world assumes that it will be named after its founder. That is by no means certain, according to Lord

Nuffield himself.

A fact not generally appreciated by the public is that the new college will be a home of research peopled by dons; it will not be a habitat for undergraduates. It will be, as it all were, another All Souls for industrial leaders with a taste for research, rather than another Keble for undergraduates with a predilection for industry.

Lord Nuffield's seven-figure munificence (reminiscent of the American University founded on tobacco) has obscured another recent gift to the town of Oxford. Not many weeks before he decided to enlarge and transform the University he presented £300,000 to the joint Hospitals Board which controls all the hospitals in Oxford. With this benefaction the board has reason to boast that it promotes emphatically the most successful voluntary scheme for financing hospitals in England; I do not know another town which can point to such another volunteer.

Changed Students

With the changing world it is appropriate that one should find it is the youth of Oxford who have changed; its antiquity remains as young as ever. The undergraduates of to-day go to the University in a more solemn frame of mind and with more serious motives than ever distinguished their predecessors within living memory. The University is less of a social springboard into life than ever it was. To be possessed of mere wealth, or conversely, to be deeply in debt, is no longer a social asset; extravagance will win you few friendships in Oxford to-day.

The present generation is precociously serious-minded, sedate beyond its years. "Rags" are undreamed of, sport is tolerated rather than passionately embraced as the very motive of existence. Social and political questions of the day are uppermost in the minds of all.

The opportunity to study economics has made the Modern Greats by the public is that the new college course the most popular school in the University. Politics appear to be the most absorbing interest of undergraduates. It will be, as it all were, another All Souls for industrial leaders with a taste for research, rather than another Keble for undergraduates with a predilection for industry.

The October Club, the University Communist organisation, was for a while closed by proctorial orders, but shortly after its reopening was disbanded, that the Communists in residence might join the University Labour Club. At the moment the Labour Club is unquestionably the most popular club in the University and in this merger the Communist element is easily predominant. The president of the club is a Communist. How far the average inexperienced undergraduate knows what he is talking about when he advocates Communist doctrine, and how far he would preach it if he knew what he was talking about, these are other matters. The facts remain that in the main Oxford's undergraduate population is markedly Left in thought, and that that population's all-absorbing interest of the moment is current politics.

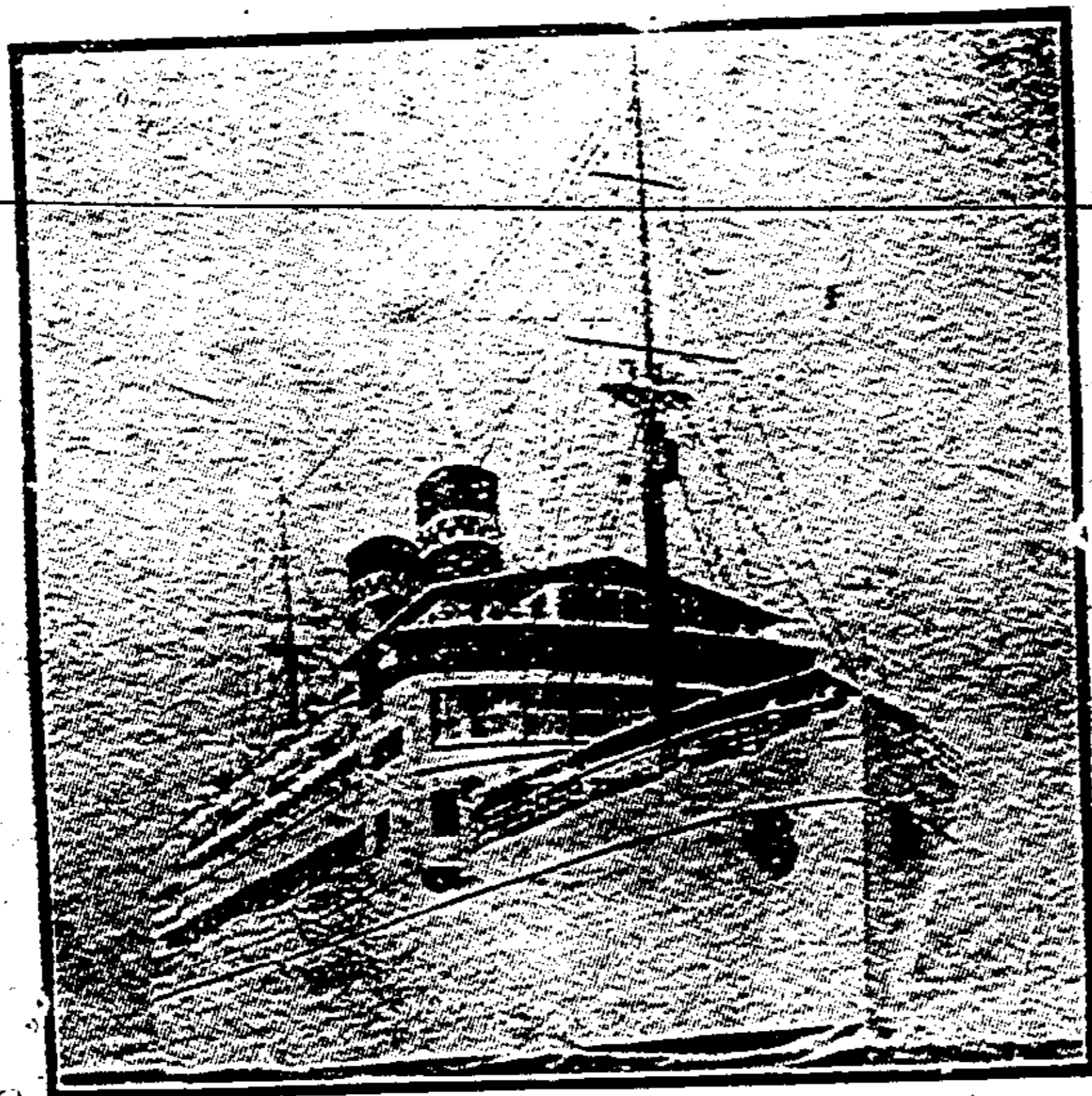
It was significant that the day I arrived in Oxford the chairman of the University Peace Council announced that undergraduates would impose a voluntary boycott of Japanese goods, while the first shop I have seen in England exhibiting posters declaring that no Japanese merchandise was on sale was the first shop I saw in Oxford. To be sure, it was a bookshop, and Japanese books are not a conspicuous feature of the average library, but from the belligerent pacifism it displayed its owner might be imagined to be regretting he did not habitually sell matches or silk shirts.

Oxford Marches On

Another symptom of the seriousness of modern Oxford—in this case one might fairly affirm that uppermost in the minds of all.

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It is suggested that the speed limit for a motorist should be reduced for every offence he commits. At that rate several drivers we know would have soon to go in reverse.

No one can say that the University of California, in America, is not doing its best to further the total sum of human knowledge with its recently published report on "When Babies Cry."

This is a thing that Oxford has never attempted and Cambridge wouldn't understand.

The old-fashioned English Universities rigidly exclude fathercraft from the curriculum, holding that this should always be a post-graduate diversion—like earning a living, paying your bills, etc.

Men go down from Oxford with brilliant Firsts to their name, who

know less than nothing about nappies. But the University of California shows no such shrinkage from the Facts of Life.

Babies cry mostly, the University of California insists, during the first four months. Then suddenly, for another four months, there is a restful hush.

Finding their form again at the end of this period, babies blossom out once more for twelve months of glorious song.

It is towards the end of this third period that they begin to see something of their fathers, and the sight sobers the little mites up to such an extent that they pipe down almost altogether.

There isn't any reason that I can think of why Oxford and Cambridge should not follow California's example and even go further, with courses of instruction on parenthood.

It is pretty ludicrous to become a Bachelor of Arts, knowing less than nothing of the arts that will be required of you when you are no longer a bachelor.

What is the good of going to a University and learning how to hold your beer, and yet having no idea of how to hold the baby?

INCIDENTS SUCH AS PANAY SINKING "UNAVOIDABLE"

Remarkable Statement By Japanese Minister

OCCUPATION OF HAINAN ISLAND ALSO QUITE LIKELY

Paris, To-day.

Incidents such as sinking of the United States gunboat Panay are unavoidable, and their repetition in some form or other is quite within the realm of possibility.

This startling statement was made in Tokyo yesterday to the correspondent of the "Paris Soir" by the new Japanese Minister of the Interior.

The Minister also stated that it was quite likely that Japan would see herself compelled one day, given certain circumstances, to occupy Hainan Island as part of her strategical plan for carrying out a large-scale attack on Canton.—Trans-Ocean.

AGELESS FACE OF OXFORD

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it shows keenness to keep abreast of modern thought—is the greatly increased interest the University is showing in the study of psychology. A few years ago psychology was thought of in the same breath with astrology, but Oxford, like Time, marches on.

Dr. William Brown, of Christ Church, has spent a lifetime of effort attempting to convince an apathetic Oxford of the importance of his subject, and it is a sign of the times that he has at last abundantly succeeded. A large sum of money has recently been left for the foundation of proper provision for the teaching of psychology at Oxford, and the efforts of Dr. Brown will be fittingly crowned when he becomes the first to instruct the University in the subject so dear to his heart.

Dr. Brown created something like an academic sensation in a recent lecture to the British Association. He preached to this august body the value of hypnosis in life, and asserted that he was able to order his own life by a regiment of self-hypnosis. Dr. Brown is of peculiar interest to psychologists, in that he bases his study of the subject on teachings of Adler rather than Freud. It was he who brought Dr. Adler to Oxford to lecture recently, when the distinguished German's command of English proved so even more complex than his psychological teaching that a notably smaller audience enjoyed the end of his address than had welcomed its beginning.

And so beneath the surface Oxford changes: but yet on top fundamentally keeps young. It is well. To those who have left her, and can never leave her, it is better that, while Oxonians change, Oxford is changeless. The golden-grey stone endures; dwarfing human effort with its eternal beauty. From the

ENGLAND A "SOLID BUSINESS MAN"

England is a "solid, settled business man," according to Dr. S. H. Kraines, who has been making a psychological analysis of the nations of the world.

Results of his investigations appear in the magazine Science he was tempted to "Study the madness of the modern world" because, he explains, "upon the, diagnosis depends the therapy."

The United States, he finds, suffers from a "typical manio-depressive psychosis."

France is an "elderly, fearful spinster," Germany is "going through a depressive phase with marked paranoid symptoms," and Italy is a "feeble-minded person who has seen others grow great," Dr. Kraines declared.

Dynamic Japan

Japan is described as a "small, dynamic, psychopathic personality." Russia "a strong young man who has just passed the throes of puberty."

The only normal countries in the world are Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Switzerland.

Enlarging his diagnosis of England, Dr. Kraines states that England has taken the depression "like a man" but "because of his age near the sixties, he is conservative, somewhat apprehensive, and wishes to let things take their course."

"It remains to be seen whether age will get the better of him. He has become 'too set in his way' and needs to change. He has many grown-up sons, some of whom are stable, some of them unstable, but practically all of whom are wilful."

windows of Duke Humphrey's Library, where light has illumined learning through many centuries, "faces of stone and stonier faces" still look down.

Youth will change and change back. Oxford with its large tolerance will be the eternal Alma Mater yet while human nature plods with difficulty up the steep, hard road that leads to home.

PRIVY COUNCIL MEETS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.

A Court circular from Sandringham announces that the King held a Council at 6 o'clock yesterday, at which were present the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent.

The Earl of Athlone acted for the Lord President of the Council. It is understood that the King gave formal assent to the marriage of Princess Frederika of Brunswick to Prince Paul of Greece.

As the Princess is the great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria, the King's assent is necessary before the marriage can take place.

It is many years since a Privy Council was held the day after Christmas.—Reuter.

200,000,000 LISTEN TO KING'S MESSAGE

London, To-day.

The Christmas message which King George broadcast to the Empire from his study at Sandringham was listened to by over 200,000,000 people all over the world.

Speaking very slowly and not without difficulty, the King took about five minutes to deliver his message.

He was alone in his study, while Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, the two little Princesses and the King's two brothers, listened to the message in an adjoining room.—Trans-Ocean.

"SCORCHING EARTH" POLICY IN SHANTUNG

Hsuehchow, To-day.

General Li Chung-yen, famous Kwangsi general, who is responsible for the defence of the southern sector of the Tsinpu Railway, has been in conference with General Han Fu-chu.

It is said that, in accordance with the policy of "scorching earth," all important means of communication, public buildings and even the famous Confucian Temple at Chufu will be set on fire if necessary.—Hua Nan.

RELIEF FOR SPANISH REFUGEE CHILDREN

Paris, To-day.

The Swedish Relief Committee for Republican Spain has started a special fund for aid of Spanish refugee children.

After having already taken charge of 400 Spanish refugee children, the committee now intends to provide for an additional 500 children who have been transferred from Republican Spain to Bayonne.—Trans-Ocean.

A fur jacket, valued at \$160, belonging to Mrs. Randal, was stolen from the verandah of No. 160 Austin Road yesterday.

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BRITAIN AND AMERICA

Little has been heard lately of the proposed trade pact between Britain and the United States. Interest has been more sharply concentrated upon the prospects of a political association more clearly defined than has been the case during past relationships, an interest likely to be intensified rather than otherwise by the tone of the Japanese reply to the Panay outrage protest. Nevertheless, the economic understanding remains very much in the mind of both countries, as witness the statement by Mr. Cordell Hull that the pact, if it is concluded, may be the prelude to a larger and more extensive plan. This is the unofficial answer from the United States to the suggestions which have been put forth that the proposal is aimed at the Fascist-Nazi bloc.

Two hopes have their origin in the negotiations which have now been in progress for more than a year. Any drawing together of Great Britain and the United States, no matter what the subject, would bring nearer the realisation, so long desired, of a thorough understanding on all international matters among the English-speaking countries. If so much could be accomplished the way for the inclusion of other nations would be the easier. The more extensive plan which is envisaged in the United States embodies proposals for monetary stabilisation, access to raw materials, limitation of armaments, and a war debt settlement. Negotiations concerning trade have naturally priority, because the other matters of negotiation envisaged cover a wider field and for the proposals to be effective all the great nations must be included. Treaties concerning disarmament and monetary stabilisation would only be successful were all the principal Powers to stand together.

If the war debt question is revived, agreement must be reached by all the creditors and debtors acting in concert, otherwise a just settlement could not be achieved. Especially is the wisdom of separating war debts from the trade negotiations apparent from the outburst which has occurred among the "old guard" of American politicians, who are determined not to let the matter rest. A trade pact between Great Britain and the United States would probably cut directly across the Ottawa Agreement, though not necessarily directly across a policy less substantially preferential. Ottawa was an attempt to keep within Empire bounds all the trade that could possibly be so confined. Great Britain, the Dominions, and the

Colonies found that they were hampered on every hand in trade with foreign countries with restrictions, quotas and extraordinary tariffs. Ottawa was the expression of a desire to make the Empire self-sufficing. Each part was willing to make concessions to the other for the benefit of the whole and for the benefit of each other. Though there were concessions, tariffs were still maintained at a high rate, even our own and other preferential tariffs. The preferential policy in the extreme form of Ottawa has served its purpose; it has helped to banish depression and so put prosperity on its road. Its main drawback is the antagonism aroused in some other nations who felt that, although they took Empire products, their commodities entered Empire markets on unfavourable terms. A British-American pact would then mean a rewriting of the preference policy so far as goods are concerned which may also be obtained from America. America recognises the necessity of preferences, but asks that it should be exercised in a manner unprejudicial to her own trade with Great Britain. Compliance with the desire of America would necessitate freer trade within the Empire.

If Great Britain on her side slackened her preferential policy towards the rest of the Empire, what concession would be given by the United States? Although the fact that formal negotiations are to be opened after protracted informal negotiation is an indication of confidence in the conclusion of a treaty, it is well to be cautious of the outcome. As the "Round Table" point out, in the treaties which the United States has concluded with her industrial nations in Europe, namely, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, no great willingness on the part of the United States to allow greater freedom in the entry of industrial products has been shown. Successful agreement can only come about through mutual sacrifice, and though sacrifice might mean some immediate loss, peaceful commerce, which it would ensure, would be an ultimate gain.

In Town To-night

Two Indian visitors of remarkable gifts are reported to be on their way to London. One of them is described as a pandit "who bends iron bars with his eyes and can see blindfolded." To be able to see when blindfolded is not much of a feat; any number of people have claimed to be able to do that, and some of them practise the art regularly on the music-halls. But a man who can bend iron bars by eye-power sounds a much more formidable fellow. And even a dangerous one—if he loses his temper in a traffic jam he might crumple a bus up by merely concentrating his destructive gaze on it.

The other promised visitor from India "eats snakes" and also "makes a speciality of allowing a steam-roller to roll over his body." It is not stated how many snakes he has to eat before he feels himself worked up to the steam-roller pitch. One would be enough for most people, after having consumed, by inadvertence or design, an hors d'oeuvre of that kind, so pronounced a "sinking feeling" would probably ensue that even a steam-roller might be welcome.

HOUSEHOLDERS BUY SAND FOR AIR RAIDS

Householders in England are to be provided—"at very small expense"—with a cheap hand pump, shovel and bags of sand to deal with fire-spreading bombs which are likely to be dropped in the next air raid.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, mentioned the scheme in the House of Commons when he moved the second reading of the Air Raid Precautions Bill.

Laughter greeted the announcement of these details, and Sir Samuel said:

"Some of you may laugh, but experts tell me, and I believe them, that even a simple apparatus of this kind, used as soon as one of these small fires starts, will prevent the spread of a big fire in a great centre of population like London.

"We feel that the only way to deal with this very large number of fires is to have such great mobility that the machines will be constantly patrolling the streets and not simply be based upon the local fire station.

WORK FOR CIVILIANS

Air raid precautions were essentially the work of the civilian. The field was a civilian field—the field of the householder, of the father of the family, of the local council, the local Red Cross and other local organisations.

Referring to the proposed Government grants to local authorities, Sir Samuel added: "I am afraid I must say to members opposite that the Government cannot put up this excess grant beyond the very high rate of 75 to 85 per cent, which appears in the provisions of the Bill.

A warning to the public not to be lulled into a false sense of security by believing that their gas-proof rooms were adequate safeguards in an air raid was given by Mr. Wilfred Roberts (Lib., Cumberland N.).

"Our gas-masks are the cheapest in Europe and I have seen cigarette smoke going through them," he said. "Would it not also be possible for gas to go through them?"

ISLAND NURSERY FOR MONGOOSE

Yugoslavia's Cure For Snakes

On an island in the Adriatic Yugoslavia has established a special "nursery" for mongoose to combat poisonous snakes all over the country.

The Dalmatian island of Mijet was freed from poisonous snakes in 1908 when six pairs of mongoose were imported from India to deal with the plague.

The mongoose have become acclimatised so that it is now possible to use the island as nursery for their breeding. From here they can be sent to other districts in Yugoslavia where poisonous snakes are a menace.

But because many of these places have too severe a winter for the subtropical animals to survive, it is necessary to replace them each year from the island of Mijet.

"War Closer Than Ever" Cry In Soviet Elections

(By AIR MAIL)

Moscow, December 12.

All day long the State stations have broadcast fervent appeals for individual candidates in the Soviet general Elections. There have been oratorios by massed choirs in honour of Stalin and his Constitution; songs from Cossack horsemen; and wild native tribes have been hailing the Red leader as "Our Sun, Our Guiding Star, Saviour," and so forth.

These broadcasts have been amplified over Moscow's city squares and main streets, now permanently hung with red flags and decorated with illuminated portraits of leaders and local candidates.

Gaily-lighted street bazaars sell food and toys but no drink. Trams and trolley buses are bright with red burting, contrasting sharply with to-day's heaviest snowfall this winter.

APPEAL FROM THE ARCTIC
Nearly all candidates have now personally confronted their electors except the leader. Stalin; the Premier, Molotoff; Marshal Voroshiloff, Lazarus Kaganovich, and Active Commissar for Internal Affairs, formerly the OGPU, Nikolai Yezhof—and also, of course, the intrepid Papanin, detained above his ominously cracking Arctic ice-floe, from which point he sends by wireless appeals to his constituency. Petros-avodsk, on the White Sea.

Marshal Budienny's harangue to a "meeting on the frontier" of his electors in Shepetovka, near the Polish-Soviet frontier, sounds the keynote of all yesterday's ultra-patriotic electoral speeches.

"War was never so close as it is to-day," this popular Cossack ex-N.C.O. asserted. "Events beyond our frontiers convince us of this."

"All humanity," he continued, "looks to us to save it from the giant, damnable Imperialist slaughter, regarding us as saviours able to prevent a world war."

"Capitalists are doing everything possible to start that war and certainly intend to attack us first of all."

"We tell them, 'We are grown so big that we can now smash you, wholesale and retail, day and night, winter and summer.'"

"We must now mobilise as never before. Let us mercilessly root out the Trotskyist-Bukharinite divisionists and spies—let there be tenfold vigilance!"

"ORGANISER OF DESTRUCTION"
A petition presented to the Commissar for Internal Affairs, Yezhof—who has not yet addressed his constituents, even by radio—on behalf of 75,000 of his electors

from the Soviet motor city Gorki, sounds the same alarm, telling this "faithful pupil and co-fighter of the great Stalin" how joyous they are to have as their candidate "the organiser of the destruction and liquidation of the Trotskyist-Bukharinite spy gang."

A giant appeal to the electorate, occupying the entire front pages of all newspapers to-day, signed by the Central Committee of the Bolshevik party, also explains the necessity for maintaining.

"Well-organised punishing organs capable of rendering harmless spies, wreckers and other enemies of the U.S.S.R."

"A well-organised and equipped Red army, capable of defending the Soviet's frontiers, and

"A well-thought-out and gradually realised policy of peace, to expose seizure policies of militant circles in capitalist countries."

Its refrain, repeated 10 times, is "All those who share our aims and glory in our achievements will vote for the united bloc of Communists and non-party candidates."

From Uzbekistan come terrible tales of backward native husbands maltreating their wives for taking undue interest in the campaign.

One collectivised cotton grower hanged his wife from a barn-door—it was the third he had murdered.

Another stripped his wife naked and, pushing her into the street, said: "Now go and vote like that!"

The local party and the prosecuting authorities have been reprimanded for not taking such atrocities seriously enough.

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Joseph Harriman, aged seventy, once multi-millionaire head of the new defunct Harriman National Bank and Trust Co., has started work as \$5 a week motor-car salesman a few miles from the million-dollar Long Island country estate he once owned.

Harriman was sentenced in 1934 to four and a half years' imprisonment on charges of falsifying records and misapplying bank funds. He was released on parole two years later.

Several Law Suits

Several lawsuits are still pending against him. He said: "With a job of my own and earning a little money I'll be better able to answer them. I'm seventy, but starting life afresh."

Harriman's last words before he entered jail were, "I shall come back." A reporter asked: "In banking?" Said Harriman, "In anything. Peanuts, bananas....there's always opportunity."

COUNCILLORS VOTE GOLD MEDALS FOR THEMSELVES

The sum of \$72 has been voted by the City Council of Santiago de Chile for the purchase of 15 gold medals. The medals are for the members of the council.

It was considered fitting that municipal rulers should be honoured in this way.

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The owner-editor of the "Centre-ville Jeffersonian," Mr. Charles G. Grubb, employs a compositor who can neither read nor write.

The compositor, Joe Lee, a 23-year-old negro, has been setting type for this weekly paper for five years.



A new swimming bath has just been opened at the St. Mellon's Golf Club, near Cardiff. With the aid of special boilers, the water can be heated up to 90 deg., so there's no excuse for members not becoming all-the-year-round bathers! Photo shows—George, the popular waiter at the club, uses a novel method to serve tea to bathers. (Fox Copyright).



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Britain Isolated From Continent During Xmas

London, To-day.

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Traffic in and around London was completely dislocated and by midday everything was blotted out by a pall of darkness, through which the light of street flares failed to penetrate.

Christmas excursion traffic was badly affected, and a large number of holiday trains had to be cancelled.

NO XMAS GOODWILL IN TERUEL

Madrid, To-day.

Indication that isolated bodies of Nationalists are still holding out in Teruel, is made in a Government communique issued yesterday.

The communique said that on Christmas Day, only a few buildings in the centre of the town were still in the hands of the Nationalists.

The position of the besieged is hopeless.

The Government Minister of Defence, Senor Prieto, is expected to visit Teruel within a few days. —Trans-Ocean.

MANY ACCIDENTS

Reports of accidents have been coming in from all parts of South England.

Air services had to be suspended entirely, and even those persons who had chartered special machines to fly to the Continent, were informed that flying had become a sheer impossibility.

Channel steamship services were also held up, so that Britain was virtually isolated from the Continent. —Trans-Ocean.

FLYINGBOAT FORCED DOWN

Le Havre, To-day.

Imperial Airways' flyingboat Cordelia, bound for England from Alexandria, and carrying one passenger and mails, came down in Le Havre Roads yesterday morning owing to fog in the Channel.

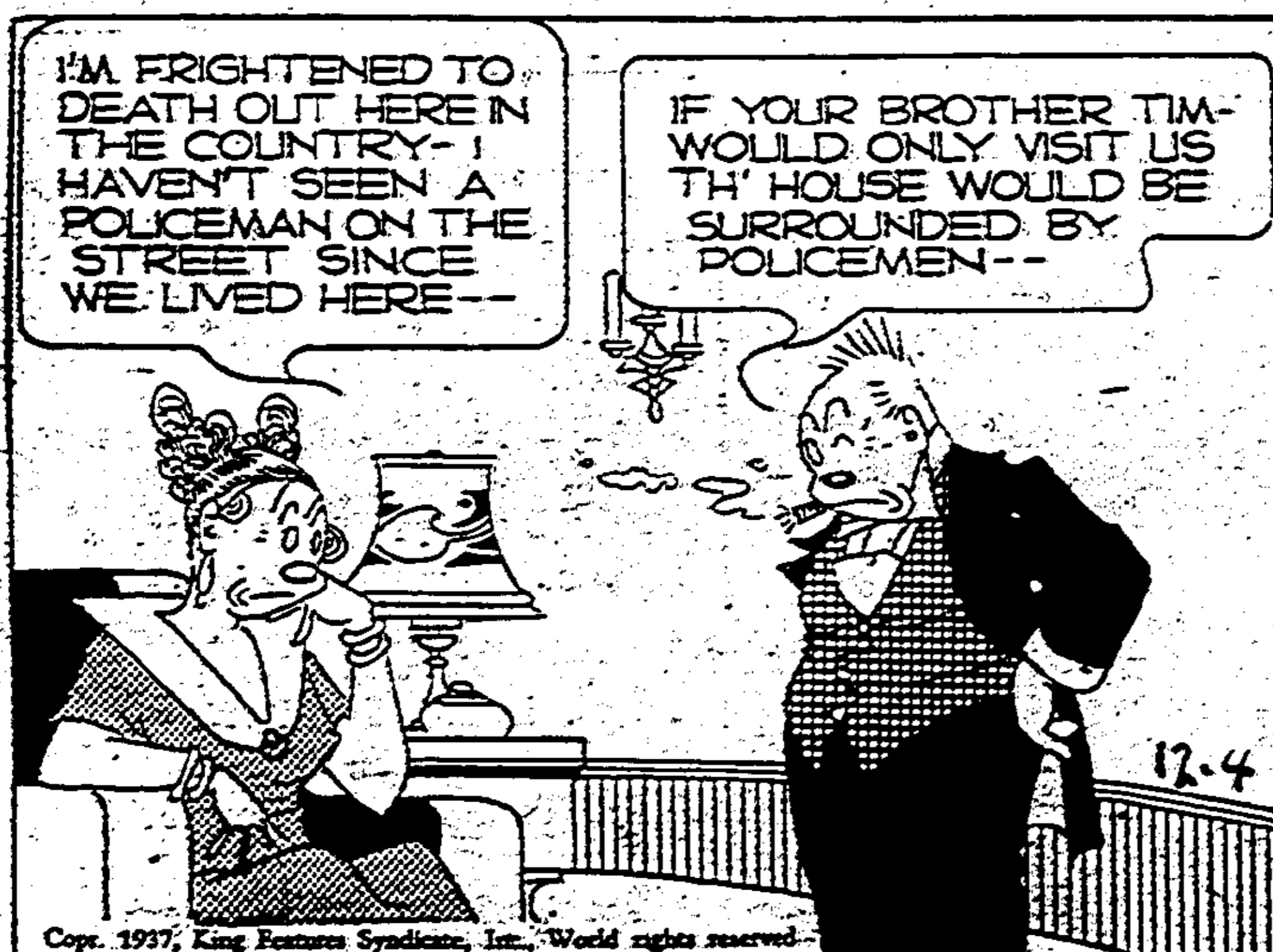
She will continue her flight at 8 o'clock this morning. —Reuter.

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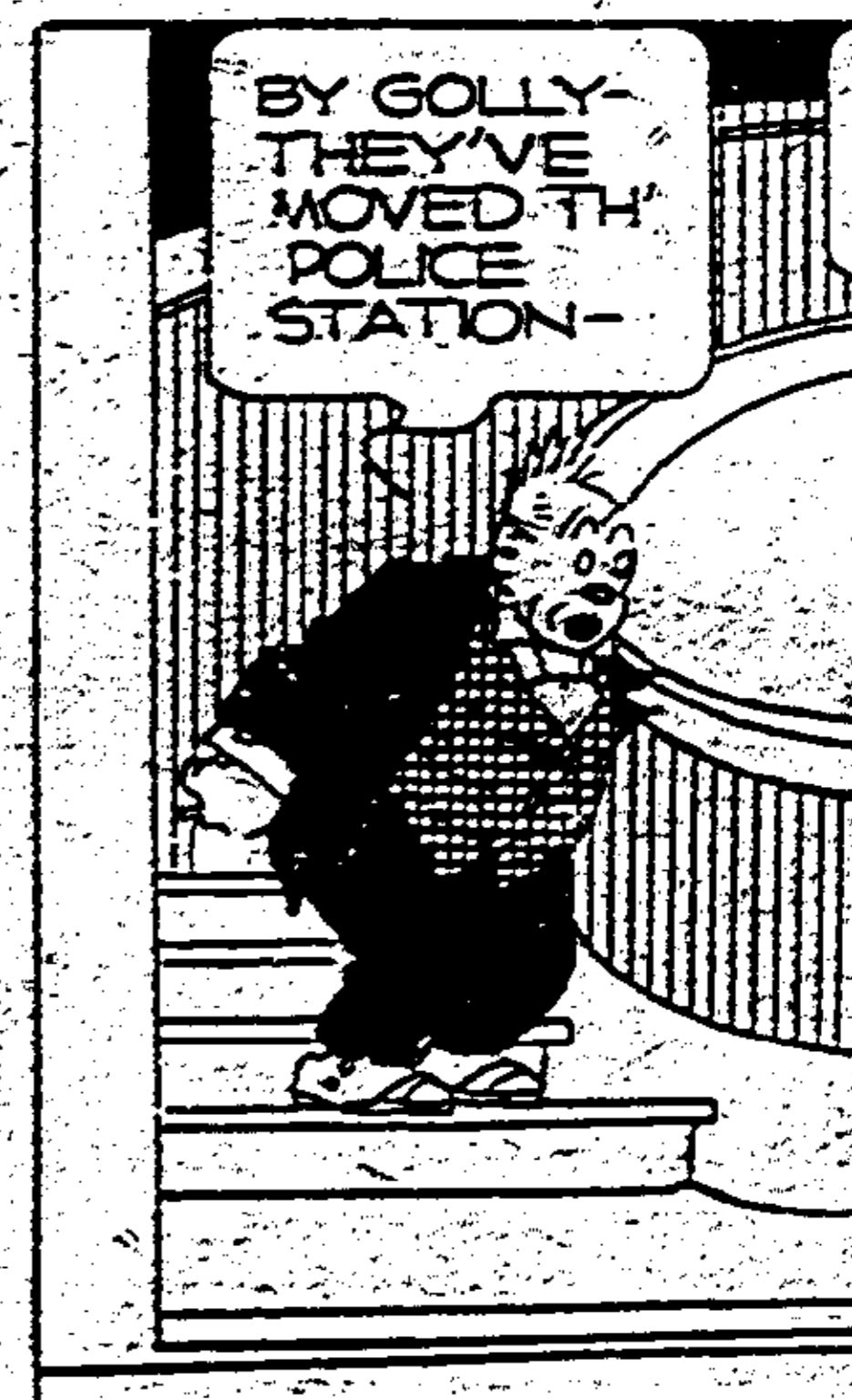
Owing to a delay of 24 hours in the main line service, the Imperial Airways Bangkok-Hong Kong air-liner has been held up in Bangkok

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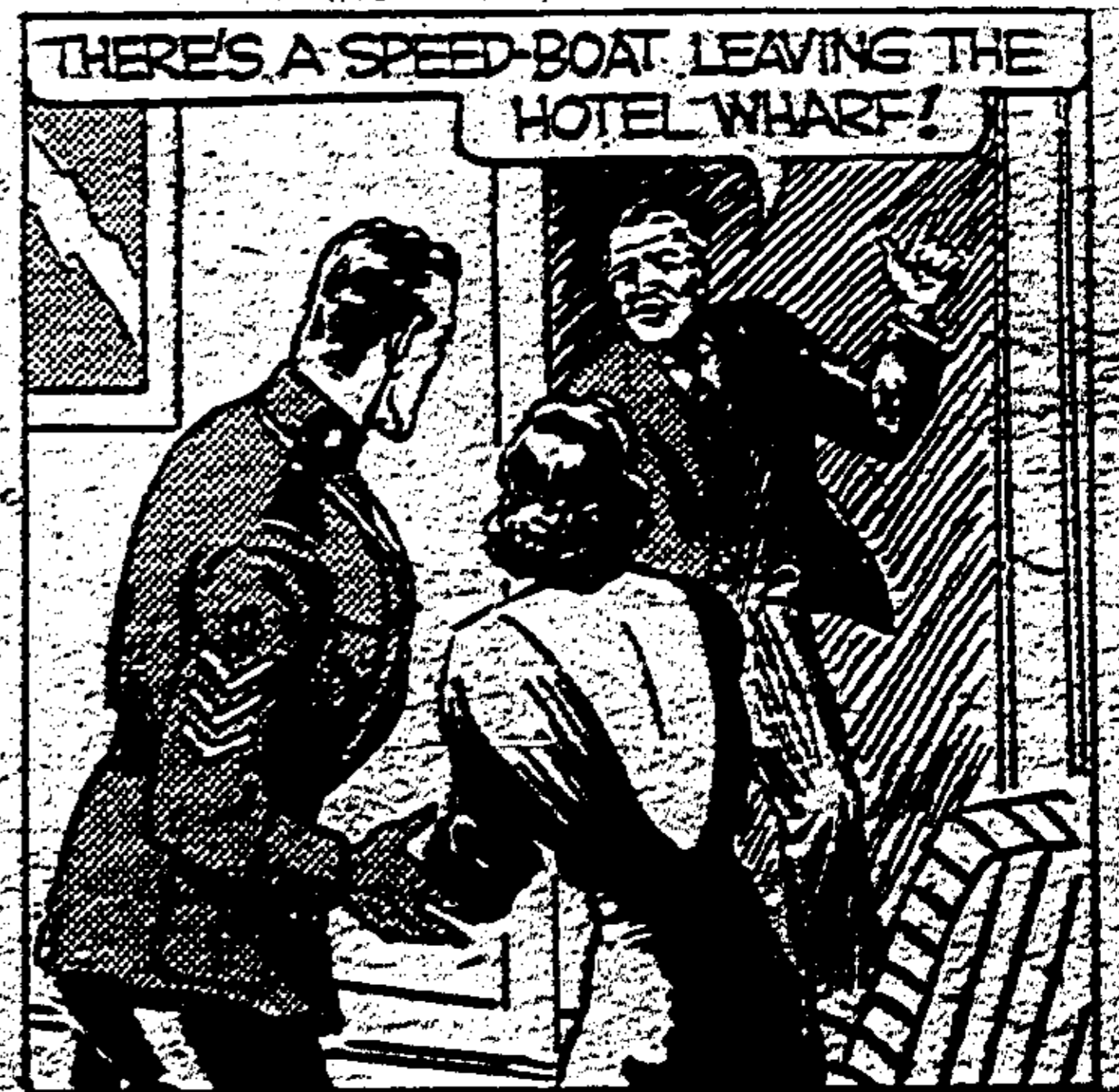
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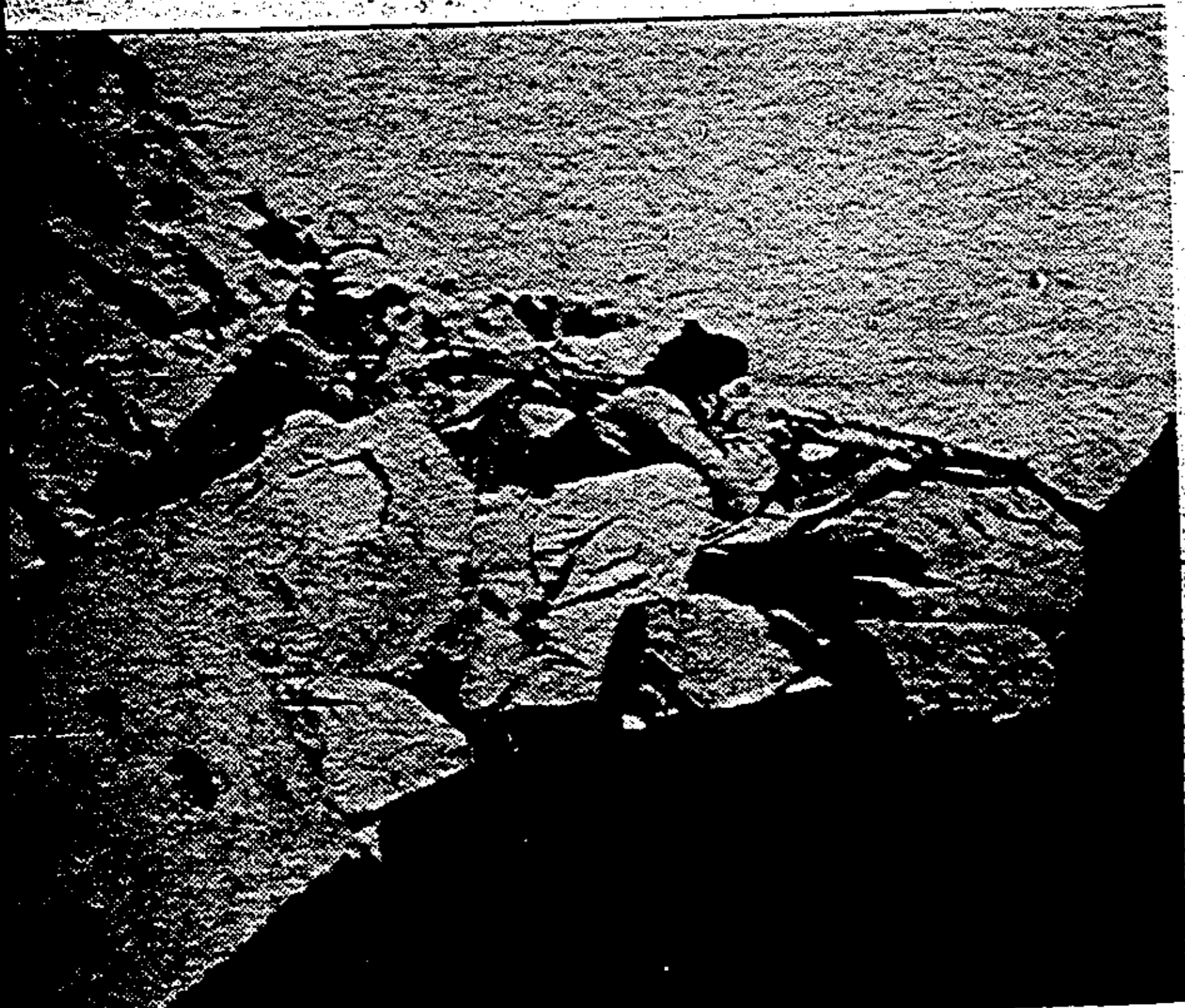
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Forty-four people lost their lives in the collision in a blizzard between two L.N.E.R. trains at Castle-
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Incidents with rebel tribesmen are frequent on the North-West
 of India where the mountainous country affords ample pro-
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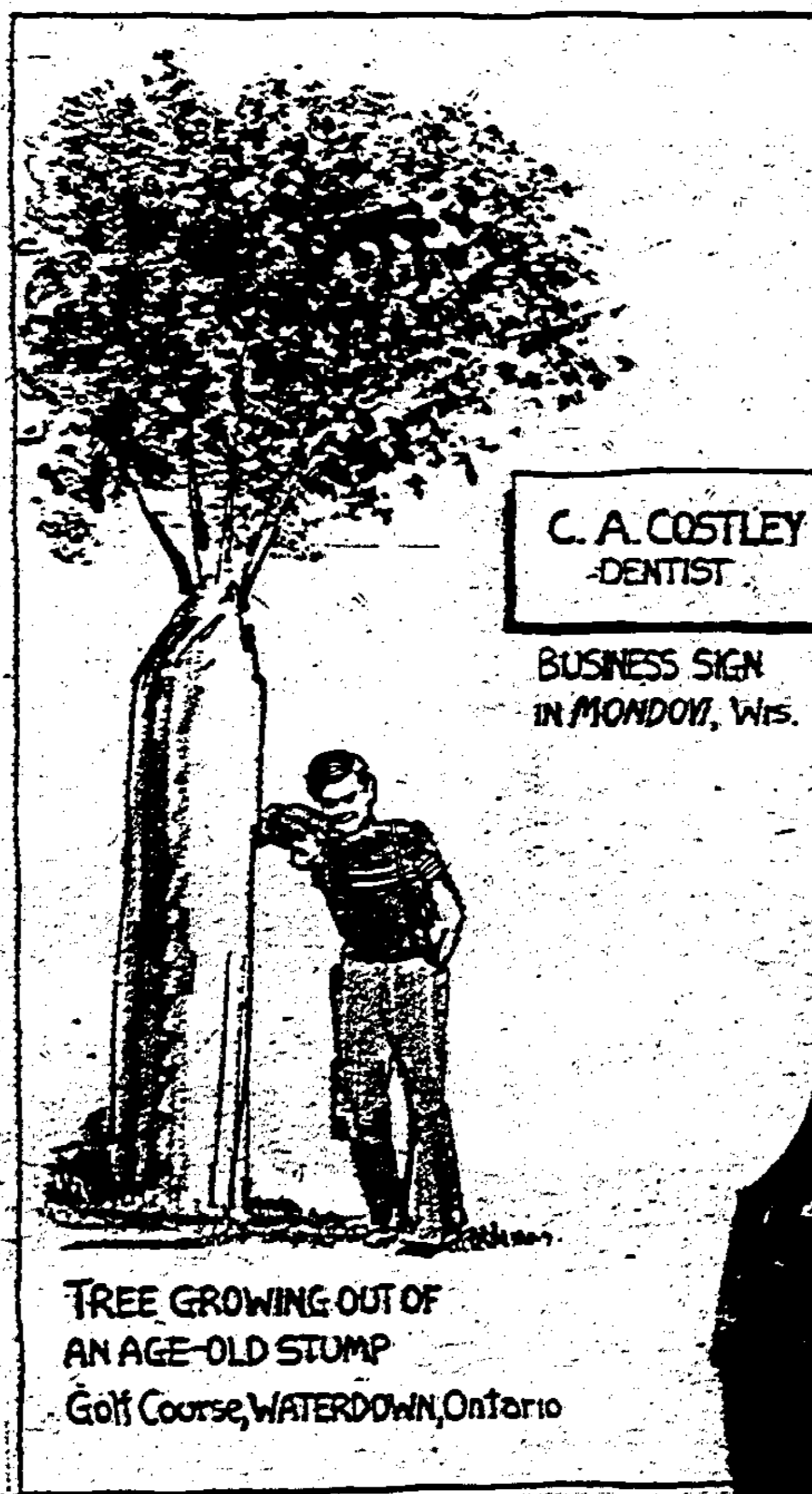


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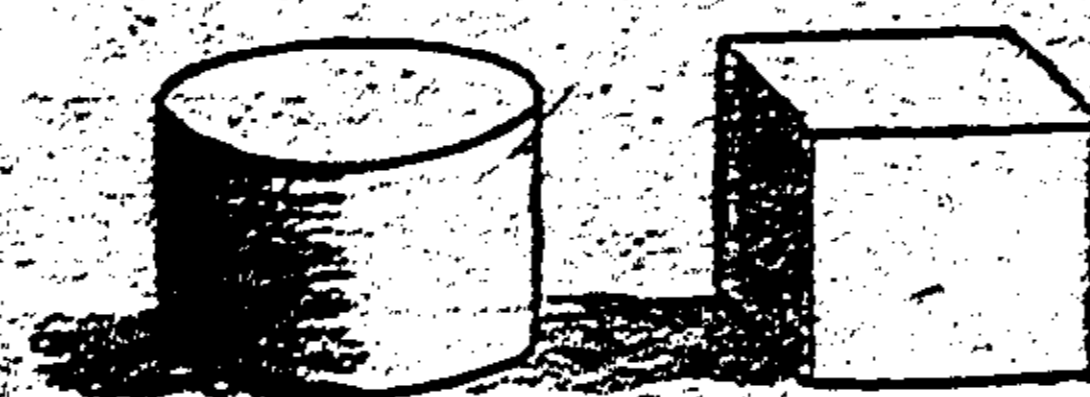
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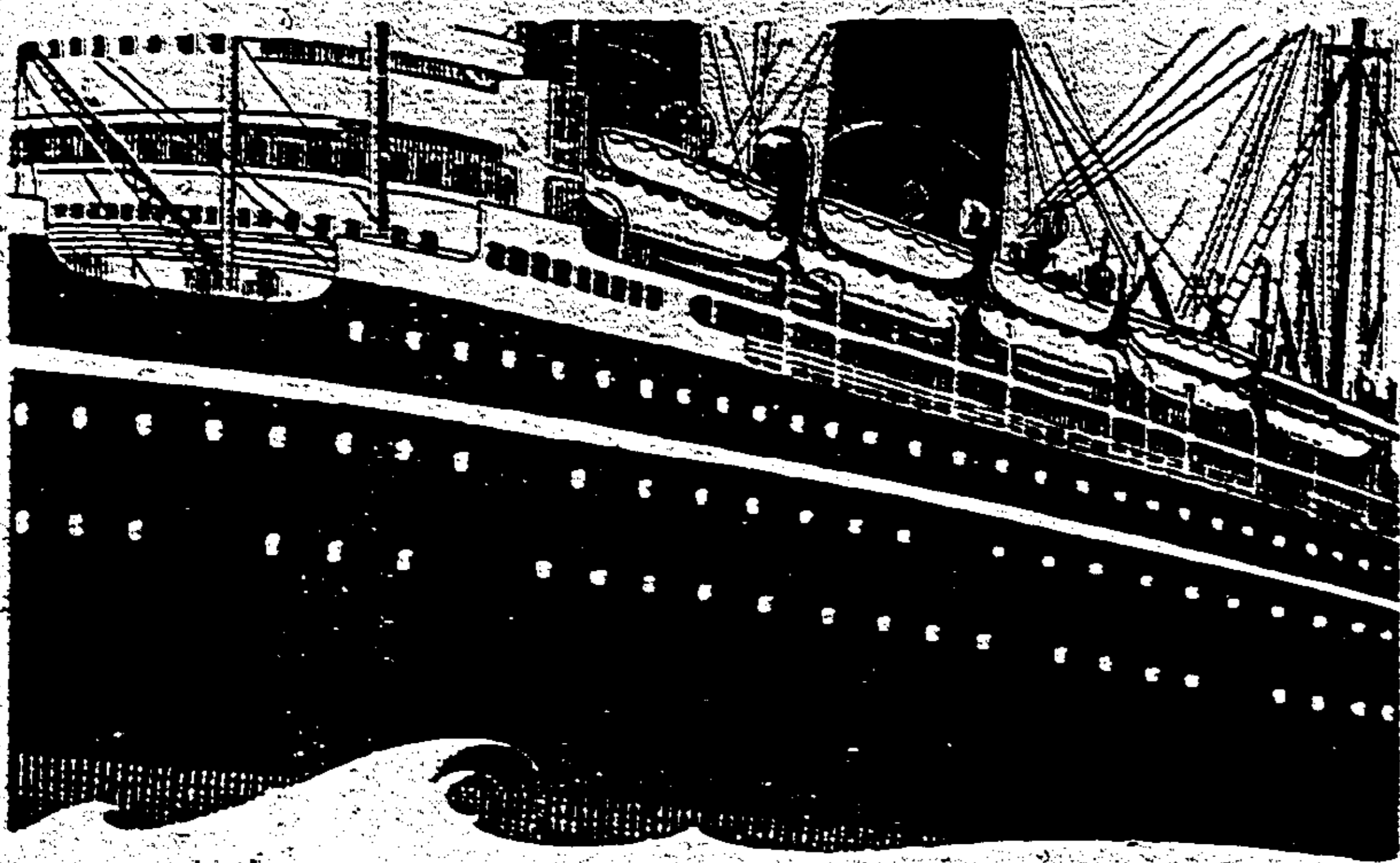
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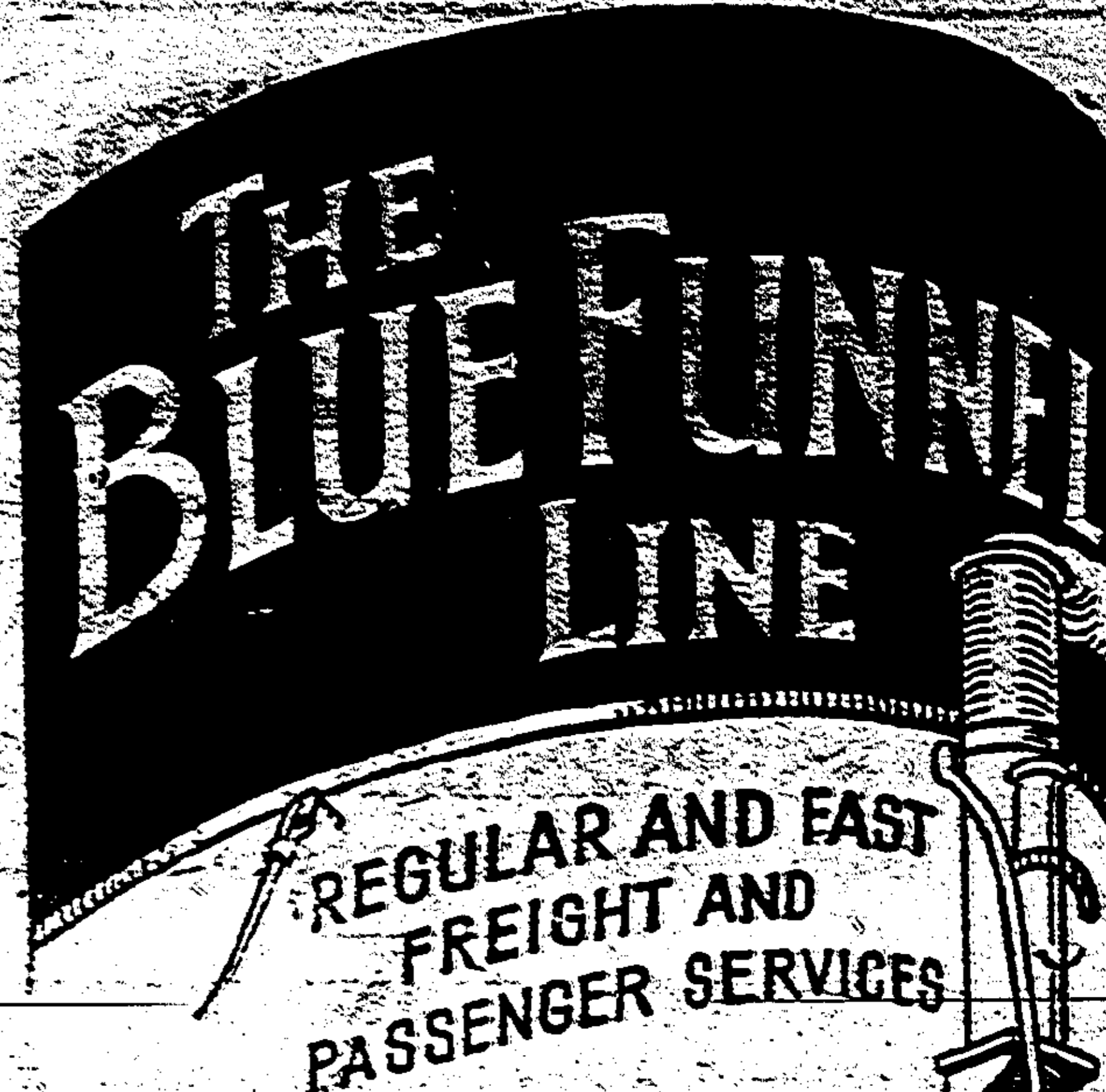
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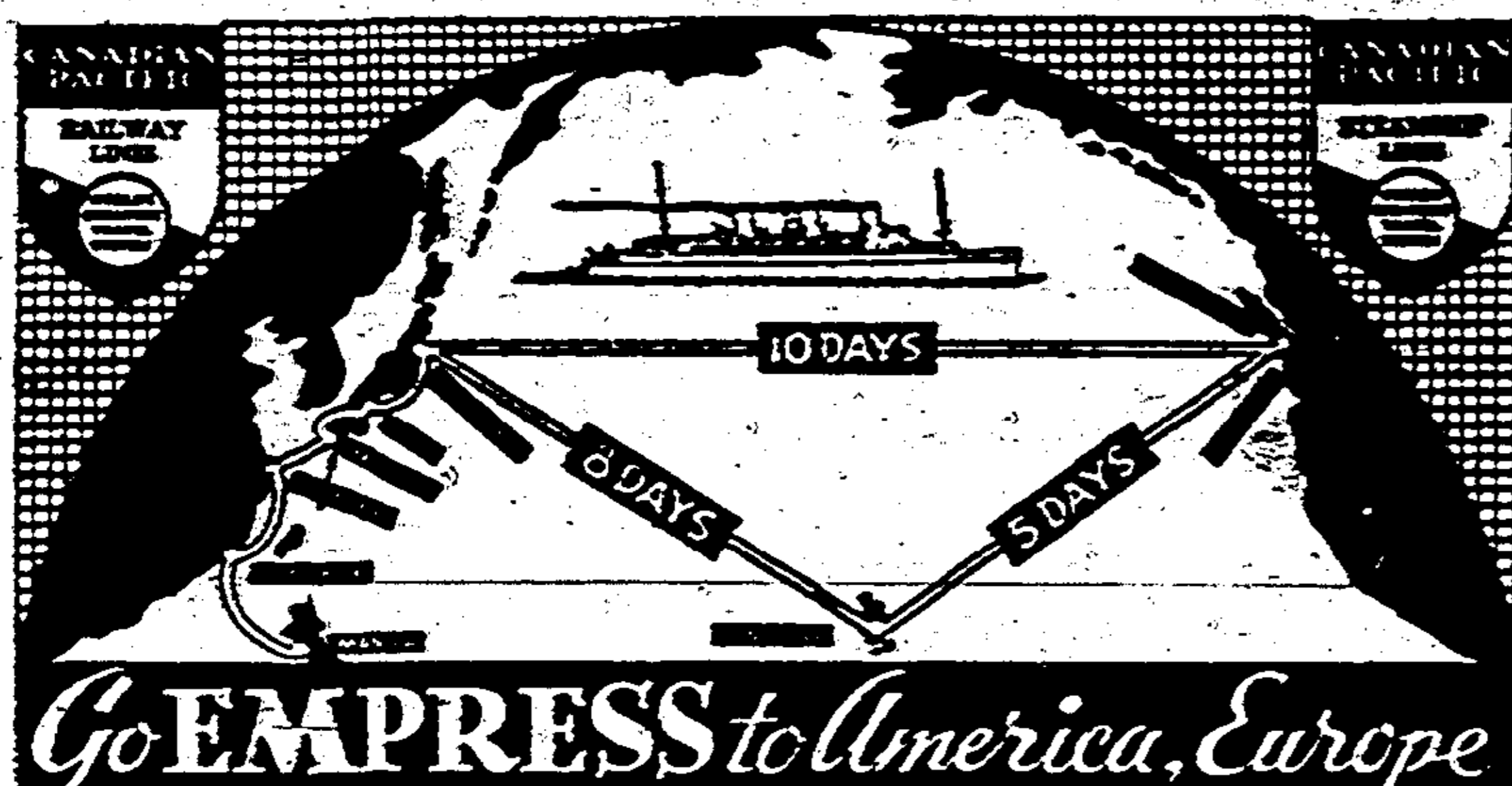
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After visiting many countries in the course of his duties as President of International Rotary, M. Maurice Duperrey, of Paris, declared in an interview a Washington that his observations in many lands led him to believe that there would be no world war.

"Barking dogs never bite," he said: "You will remember that before 1914 there were few warning growls—the thing just broke like a thunderstorm."

Asked who were the principal trouble-makers in the world, M. Duperrey said Rotary could not take sides in any issues. It was for individual Rotarians to do their part in maintaining world peace.

Rotary, he said, remained strong in Fascist Italy, and had been strong in Spain at the time the war broke out there. As for Germany he hoped the Nazi Government would "come to understand Rotary better in time" and rescind its order prohibiting Nazis from joining, which had led to the dissolution of Rotary in Germany.

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The city of Valparaiso has received with great pomp the gift of a reproduction of the famous Wolf of the Capital from the Governor of Rome.

The monument was presented through the Italian Consul General and has been set up in the Italian Park in the centre of the city.

It consists of the traditional wolf in bronze sucking Romulus and Remus, set on an ironic column of rose-coloured stone, and the Consul General translated the inscription at the base of the statue as follows:—

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BY ENRICHING THE BLOOD

THE PROBLEM OF
RHEUMATISMCOMPLAINT WHICH
HAS MANY FORMSBASIC POINTS IN
TREATMENT

It is, unfortunately, a commonplace that rheumatism is one of the principal causes not only of ill-health, but of industrial incapacity.

This is true, although the term is used to cover a great variety of allied, or more or less allied, disabilities of the joints and muscles, some of which are probably due to different causes, and many of which respond differently in different individuals to a considerable variety of forms of treatment.

Among these many groups of complaints popularly included under the general heading of rheumatism, one at least is relatively clear-cut. This is the rheumatic fever, most commonly encountered among children and young adults.

Danger To Heart

This is almost certainly—though it is not yet finally established—the result of infection by some micro-organism in which the living membranes of the joints become inflamed and painful, usually with a marked rise in temperature.

Its most serious danger, however, is its predilection for the linings of the heart-valves. An extremely large proportion of all cases of organic valvular disease of the heart can be traced to an original attack of rheumatic fever. It is therefore a condition, however mild, that should be treated with the utmost care and medical attention.

The more or less chronic and recurrent rheumatism of middle life and old age, which includes the arthritides that may affect one or more particular joints and various forms of fibrositis, or "muscular rheumatism," come into other categories.

In these there may, or may not, be a bacterial factor, while there is some evidence to suggest in some of them a hereditary predisposition.

There is, at any rate, no single cure for all these forms of chronic rheumatism, although in the treatment of them all there are certain basic points to be remembered.

Rest And Warmth

A long-continued self-infection from some septic focus may often be partly, if not wholly, responsible; and in certain cases the mere removal of a few decayed teeth may have an almost magic effect. Any possible cause of such sepsis should, therefore, be looked for, and, if its existence is established should be suitably treated.

If pain is acute all forms of treatment should include rest and warmth. But if not, a reasonable activity, under medical observation, may be a useful aid in delaying progress of the condition or effecting improvement. Plenty of fluid and a well-balanced diet, inclusive of all the necessary vitamins, should be another *sine qua non*.

Apart from all this, however, each case should be investigated and treated on its individual signs and symptoms. Although a great deal of research is now in progress, such treatment, in the present state of medical knowledge, must be a wise adaptation of trial and observation, in skilled hands, to each particular patient.

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ENGLAND MEET PORTUGAL TO-DAY

And Now "Ten-Ice."



Both the Wembley ice hockey teams are now keeping fit between matches with a game they have named "ten-ice". Started as a novelty this tennis on the ice has proved to be the best type of training yet evolved for ice hockey players as it calls for fleetness of foot and a quick eye. The new game is both thrilling to watch and play. Our photo shows Albert Lemay of the Wembley Lions playing a backhand shot during "ten-ice" practice at Wembley. (Fox Copyright).

AMBASSADORIAL GOLF TEAM FOR GREAT BRITAIN

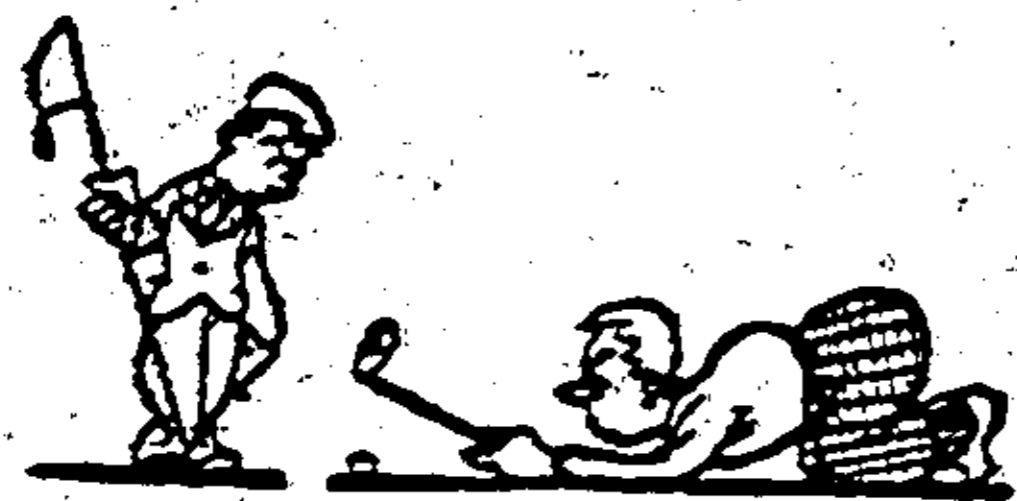
R. And A. Say No Test Matches

WOULD MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Sydney, November 18.

That Australia is definitely on the golf map of the world is indicated by the invitation of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews to send an amateur team to Great Britain.

Actually Australia has been on it for some time. But this particular gesture from the controlling body in Great Britain, and of the world, authorities



Scottish bred, a Prince of the Royal Family as captain, authorities who move with exceeding slowness, but very surely, means that it has put its imprimatur on it. So we should all be very happy.

But there should be no misconception about the team's mission. Unlike teams of other athletes who go across the water to represent Australia in what are termed test matches, the golfers are not to represent Australia in a test of ability.

NO TEST MATCHES

The hosts, the R. and A. Club, have sent the invitation on the strict condition that there shall be nothing in the nature of test matches, and the team will not even meet teams representative of Great Britain, or even England, Scotland, Ireland, or Wales. The programme outlined for it discloses that they will meet clubs only.

Members of the team will be able to enter for the British Open Championship, and the British Amateur. But, the intentions of the R. and A. Club are well illustrated by its

FIRCHER AND MISS PERRY REACH FINAL

E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett 6-2, 7-5, in the semi-final round of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday at the K.C.C.

The winners were not at their best, being fortunate to win in straight sets after being 5-4 down and having one set point against them. They saved the set when their opponents took a ball that was going out.

It is to be regretted that there should not be a trial of strength as between Britain and Australia, especially in view of the fact that the R. and A. Club countenances clashes between players of the United States and Great Britain.

An Australian last year got into the final of the British Amateur, and was beaten only at the last hole, in what was described as the most exciting match ever witnessed between amateurs at Carnoustie. Australia has an idea that the team selected to play next year in a series of social matches against club members would make rather a good showing in a clash with Great Britain's best.

Maybe, on some future date, Australia will be invited to participate in a championship tournament with Great Britain and the United States for the virtual amateur championship of the world.

In the meantime we must perforce be thankful for what the R. and A. Club provides us.

R. A. POLO CUP FINAL TO-DAY

The final of the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Final will be held on the Polo ground, Boundary Street, commencing at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

K.G.C. FINAL

W. Taylor defeated F. E. A. Remedios in the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship yesterday, by 10 and 9, over 36 holes. At the 18th, hole Taylor was 8 up.

COLONY MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS FINAL TO-DAY

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The Final of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship, under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, will be held on the Club's best court at Causeway Bay this afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m., when H. D. Rummah and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry.

At the conclusion of to-day's Final, Mrs. S. W. Tso, wife of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, will present the Colony trophies and distribute the C.R.C. prizes won during the year.



The following are the C.R.C. winners:

Men's Singles Championship:
Winner: Lee Wai-tong; runner-up Tsui Wai-pui (Challenge Cups presented by Li Sz-wing).
Men's Doubles Championship:
Winners: Lu Tak-cheuk and Wong Shiu-wing; runners-up Tsui Wai-pui and W. C. Hung (Challenge Cups presented by Lo and Lo).
Men's Handicap Singles:
Winner: Leung Bing-chiu; runner-up Lee Yue-wing.
Junior Singles Championship:
Winner: Ma Shiu-leung; runner-up Yu Shi-chun.
Members of the "A" and "B" Division League teams and the Mixed Doubles League, for 1936 season.

Playing in the friendly match last Monday between Kowloon Tong and St. Teresa's, J. A. Chan and Francis Tsang, of the latter team, revealed form well up to the best Junior League standard. They won two of their encounters and, in view of the fact that they are members of the Kowloon Tong Club, it is possible that they will be called upon for future League matches.

1ST TIE IN "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP SERIES

English Forwards Are Good

Some good football should be seen in the First Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football competition, which will commence this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground, when England will meet Portugal in what will probably be a most exciting game.

The Navy have several players in the England team, Church, being included between the sticks, while Laister, a half-back, and Middleton, a left-winger are also included.

There is one change in the England attack, as Fowler is unable to play. His place will be filled by Pearson, who moves in from the wing berth, which will now be filled by Freshwater, of the Middlesex. Howlett, of the Police, and Saw, of the Middlesex, will fill the inside-right and inside-left berths respectively, and should combine effectively with Pearson against the Portugal defence.

The Portugal team is comprised entirely of St. Joseph's players with the possible exception of the centre-forward berth, which may be filled by Bertie Gosano, who arrived in the Colony last Friday.

In the event of Gosano not turning out the Portuguese attack will be led by either V. Costa, who will move up from the full-back division, or N. Beltrao, captain of the team and present pivot.

Portugal have a young team of enthusiastic and clever footballers; their forward line being a really dangerous combination. There are also three experienced players in the team, N. Beltrao, B. Gosano and C. F. Remedios, former Shanghai skipper, being Interporters, while Ward and Costa have played in previous international matches.

The teams are:-

England: Church (Navy); Webster (Seafarths) and C. Pile (Police); Laister (Navy), Bright (Middlesex) and Bliss (Kowloon); Freshwater (Middlesex), Howlett (Police), Pearson (Middlesex), Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).

Portugal: R. Marques; V. Costa and D. Alves; C. Remedios, N. Beltrao (Capt.) and C. Marques; N. Delgado, A. Ward, B. Gosano, J. Gomes and T. Alves.



CLUB ENTERTAIN SOUTH CHINA "B" IN LEAGUE GAME TO-DAY

The Club will meet the undefeated South China "B" in a postponed First Division League football encounter on the Club ground, this afternoon at 4 p.m.

SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

STROKE-MAKING IS ONE THING: JUDGMENT IS ANOTHER

STAR BATSMEN OF GRACE'S PERIOD WOULD BE STARS TO-DAY

THE DRIVE AS CHARLIE BANNERMAN DISCERNED IT

(By J. C. DAVIS)

Sydney, October 28.

MAKING the strokes is one thing in batting. It is an accomplishment that may in time become almost mechanical. Determining to use the right stroke to the right ball at the right moment is another. It is judgment that ripens with experience and continual thinking and observing. It often spells the difference between batsman and batsman, otherwise on a level as executants.

The following, written by W. G. Grace a few years before he died, fits present-day cricket so aptly that you who read may smile as you recall time and again having seen a bowler without an outfield, pegging the batsman down to defence.

"One thing I have particularly noticed," wrote W.G., "is that the modern first-class batsman does not attack the bowling nearly as much as we used to do. Nowadays the sight is too often witnessed of an ordinary good length bowler literally playing the batsman in.

"In the pavilion and the Press this bowling is invariably described as 'too good to hit.' So-and-so was keeping such a marvellous length that the batsman could do nothing with him, and so on. Not a bit of it. He can be hit all right by one quick on his legs, and not necessarily a Jessop. In fact, when he is bowling that fine length is just the very time to dash in now and then, and hit him to the boundary. If you don't get the best of him he is sure to get you out."

TO OPEN HIS FIELD BY ATTACKING

The ablest batsmen to-day do just what "W.G." said they did in his time. It was sound then. It is sound now. It will be sound always.

Again let me ask you to watch Don Bradman, Stan McCabe, W. H. Ponsford, and others of the elect. By attacking the length bowler they make him open up the inner field—sending one or two out in the deep. The great batsman of Grace's time would be great to-day.

"A point about Dick Daft's play, which was common to most of us in those days," added "W.G.," "was that he paid practically no heed to the wicket-keeper. This was not due to the stumpers being less accomplished than they are now. One reason why we were more often out of our ground than batsmen of the present day was because bowlers rarely had men in the deep field. Of this negligence—though nobody then thought it was negligent—you may be sure that such batsmen as Dick Daft, my brother E. M. and others took full advantage."

A GOOD STORY!

A good story has often been told of Charlie Bannerman. His younger brother, Alick, was the most famous of Australian stone-wallers. Charlie, on the other hand, was the most brilliant batsman of his period, the man who impressed Englishmen in 1878 by the colour and vigor of his driving.

Alick had been engaged to coach two sons of a wealthy Sydney sportsman. After a while the coach was taken ill and Charlie Bannerman carried on the good work. One of the lads, with his right foot held rigidly inside the popping crease, reached forward with the left foot and made an off-drive.



KEPT ONLY TEN FIELDSMEN IN HIS EYE

"A good drive, my boy!" said Charlie. "But it would have been a better one if you had stepped into the ball."

The boy was puzzled. Then Charlie showed him what he meant. The boy hesitated and said he had been told not to move the right foot.

"Why?" asked the mentor. He thought he might get out "stumped."

"I made a lot of runs one way and another in my time," said Charlie to the lad. "And I never had more than ten men in the field in mind when I was batting. never gave the wicket-keeper a thought."

It was one of the cricket philosophies of Charlie Bannerman. He used to jump in to the ball and hit it on the off with a velocity not often seen now.

ONE OF THE BEST

This was the man who scored 164 retired hurt in the first Test ever between England and Australia. It was ranked by contemporaries, on both sides as one of the best innings ever played.

Some very old-time batsmen believed in the young player pegging his right foot down and never shifting it. Some one twitted W. G. Grace about this rule, which, of course, the great man did not observe. In his own batting footwork played as important a part as it has done down through the years in all the best of each period to the present champions.

"W.G.," however, explained that, so far as he was concerned, in giving advice of that character it applied only to shifting the right foot back to the leg side. If you see a novice batting, the first thing he does is to move back to leg from the stumps when he is playing at the ball. That is what "W.G." condemned—naturally.

A COMMON WEAKNESS

A common weakness among Sydney batsmen—not the stars—is that many do not keep the left elbow up, hence they try to play the right strokes to the ball when not in the right position to make



them. How is it that when one sees a good country batsman, he generally has the correct focus in this matter?

It was brought to mind last week while watching Mr. G. L. Garnsey's colts playing a Marrickville team at the Sydney Cricketer Ground No. 2. A 16-year-old boy named Colin Finch, from Wollongong, was batting with Victor Jackson. Back very many years one's mind was turned to picture Victor Trumper at the nets.

The boy Finch had the concentration and phlegm of a matured cricketer. He defended with the bat as straight as a perpendicular line, as though he were a W. G. Grace. In every stroke, defensive or otherwise, there was wrist power. No dead bat effort about it. When he tried the back-cut he stepped across with the right foot and the wrist clicked the bat on to the ball. When he favoured the drive he moved forward a bit, the bat swept through close to his left foot and the follow-through was just the right thing. Even a Neville Cardus would have seen no breach of the canons in the batting of this boy. He played all his strokes with confidence, never hesitated and looked a star in miniature.

YES, WHERE

WHERE DID HE LEARN THESE RUDIMENTARY GOLDEN RULES IN BATSMANSHIP AT HIS YOUNG AGE?

Victor Jackson may have been experimenting with his strokes. He probably was. He made one beauty on the back cut that hummed like a flash of lightning to the pickets—perfect in everything. But he tried one or two others when out of position, through a sort of two-eyed stance effort. So good a batsman ought not to do that, even in Wednesday cricket, with its enticements to turn on the fireworks.

Habits grow upon one in cricket. When they are bad they become tough and obstinate.

WHAT HOBBS COULD DO SO MAY YOU

One of the most successful batsmen the modern world has admired is Jack Hobbs. Much of his success was due to a perfect technical mastership. His feet always seemed to be placed in the right position for the right stroke to be made with what seemed to be the truest possible precision. Allied with his natural grace of movement this looked ideal. It gave one a feeling of true satisfaction and pleasure. This was the Hobbs of his transcendent days.

Now what was so marked in the batting of Hobbs can be assimilated to a successful degree by any average batsman of good eye-sight and cool watchful temperament.

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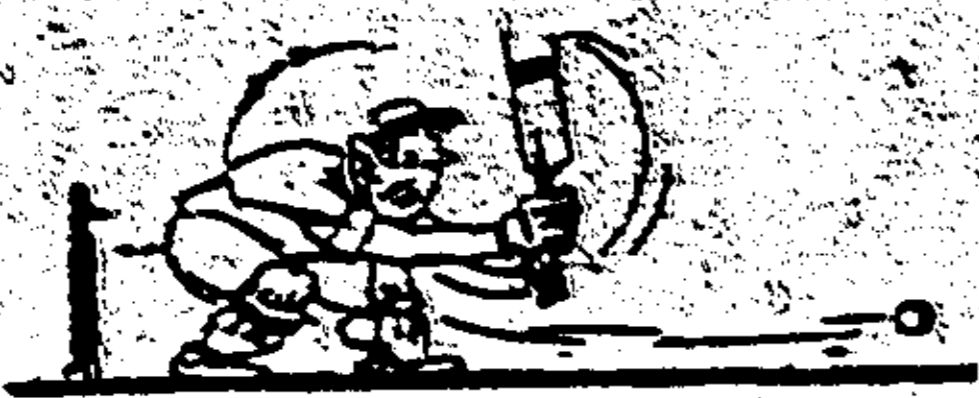
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Local Sports Chatter

(By "REFEREE")



Frank Goodwin, the Kowloon Cricket Club skipper, has had a recurrence of his old leg injury and has been unable to play in recent matches. D. J. N. Anderson has been deputising for him.

Rapley, outfielder of No. 3, Machine-Gun Company's Softball team, has shown considerable improvement in the sport. He made some splendid catches last Sunday.

J. F. Leigh, who sometimes turns out for the Hong Kong Football Club "A" Rugby fifteen, made his debut for the Y.M.C.A. at hockey last Tuesday against a Company team from the Rajputana Rifles, and distinguished himself. He has a rare turn of speed.

The Hong Kong English Forum have secured the services of "Bill" Chang for their Softball League team.

Cpl. Land, former British and Army high-jump champion, demonstrated his versatility last Sunday when he gave a fine display as centre-half for the Sappers against the Royal Navy and very nearly gave them victory from a free kick from 30 yards, which the Navy custodian all but held and scrambled away amidst a crowd of players. Land is a good hockey player and also plays Rugby.



Dr. G. I. Shaw, the Hong Kong Football Club soccer player, and lawn bowler, recently won both the billiards and snooker championships of the Prison Officers' Mess at Stanley.

I understand Fred Simonsen, of the Battery, will be very prominently associated with the Volunteer Baseball Club next season, and will probably manage the team.

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ED WENSTOB'S MUCH BETTER FORM

SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

(Continued from Page 19)

In emphasising the importance of the left elbow at right angles to the stumps the reader might imagine that I am exaggerating its importance. But in a great deal of cricket since the war's end have we not seen young batsmen of considerable powers, natural and cultivated, practically go to seed through getting away from first simple principles? Turning face and body square on to the bowler and trying to make off-side strokes—the drive and cut—from a position in which the feet and body do not, cannot, co-ordinate with hands, wrists, and arms, is abortive.

The two-eyed stance became a disease. It has died out among the best batsmen in Australia. Those who rise to the real top do so because they are not gripped by its poisonous fangs. Some Englishmen are still in its grip—though they seem to know it not.

THE FACT HAS ASSISTED AUSTRALIA TO GET ON TOP IN TEST CRICKET IN MORE SEASONS THAN ONE, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE VICTORIOUS TEAMS HAVE NOT BEEN OF SUPERLATIVE STRENGTH COMPARED WITH SOME OF EARLIER YEARS—THOSE OF 1882 AND 1902 FOR EXAMPLE.

In Sydney alone one could name young batsmen of the last ten years, who could not ultimately justify well-founded hopes, mainly through inattention to this sound basic rule in their batting make-up. Early bad habits thrive. Like weeds on the lawn, they are difficult to eradicate. They will repeat themselves.

The looker-on sees a tremendous lot in cricket, though some people may not have it so.

OLDFIELD'S MUTE DEMONSTRATION

An interesting incident comes to mind as I write. The match was New South Wales v Victoria for the Sheffield Shield on a true Sydney wicket in January, 1928. New South Wales were seven down for 291 when Bert Oldfield was joined by Charles Nicholls, the tall Central Cumberland fast bowler. Nicholls was a pungent hard-hitter, unpolished, yet on his day a force.

Standing fast-footed he reached across at several balls of decent length and pace from E. L. a'Beckett just outside the off stump. He missed them. The end of the chapter looked likely to come at any moment from any ball. Then his observant mate at the other end acted a sort of mute message. He made a step to the off, and instead of pushing his bat obliquely across the line of the (imaginary) ball he held it perpendicularly with the left elbow at right angles to the bowler. He moved it forward once or twice with his body behind the bat.

EACH BATSMAN MADE HIS CENTURY

Nicholls saw and understood. From that moment he was a changed batsman. He stepped across and got behind those length balls just on or outside the stump, and defended with the technical soundness of a Woodfull. Very shortly he was using his tremendous power off-driving, as a friend said "like a son-of-a-gun."

THE UPSHOT WAS THAT EACH MAN MADE HIS CENTURY, AND THEIR STAND PRODUCED 294 RUNS!

At Grafton a little while back, one evening Bert Oldfield was showing an interested audience of local cricketers the virtues reposing in a straight bat, and how to keep it straight. It interested me very much. It tapped a chord in memory. I reminded him of the incident described above in which he had figured with Charlie Nicholls. He smiled, and said "I remember."

It was outstanding as an illustration of the wisdom in a cool head at one end helping a less experienced colleague at the other when he is in trouble. Further, it revealed teaming values and also how wise can be the young player who keeps his mind and eyes open and assimilates advice from the right quarter at the right time.

MIZLER BRILLIANT AGAINST ROTH

FARR'S FUTURE IN U.S.A. VERY UNCERTAIN

(By B. BENNISON)

London, November 20.

IT is a sophisticated Ed Wenstob who has returned to London, not the young man who, when last here, was so obviously out of place in big cities, for ever yearning to be back in his native Alberta astride a broncho, dreaming of a day when he would be a rodeo star. He has put his lariat away, hung up his saddle, and taken leave of his parents' ranch in Western Canada, and may not now be mistaken for other than an avowed scrapper.

THE AMERICAN RING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION, AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF HIS TRADE HE IS BETTER FOR THE CHANGE: HIS WITS HAVE BEEN SHARPENED. HE MAY PASS AS QUITE A MAN OF THE WORLD.

During a tour of the States he won 14 of 15 fights and gained such valuable experience that he is sure he can hold his own against any heavy-weight we may put against him. He made no bones when invited to fight Leibbrandt, and is now in training at Windsor, so as to be all ready for the South African at Harringay on Monday week.

Wenstob is in magnificent shape, and if one may judge by the boxing he has done in the gymnasium, has improved no end. He not only retains a tremendous appetite for fighting all hot and strong, but he really can box after first principles. There is every reason to believe that he will win greater popularity than he did during his last visit. If he beats Leibbrandt, he will remain here indefinitely. This country has most to offer by far. Except to a limited few, there is little money running loose in the States.

FARR'S FUTURE

I am wondering whether Tommy Farr will reap the fortune he expects when he goes back to New York. Maybe the position over there is not so bad as represented, and the Welshman will, in a financial sense, again find himself in clover. But I am thinking that, if he were an entirely free agent, he could add enormously to his riches if he employed himself here until Jacobs had an opponent all set for him.

However, that is Farr's business, but I cannot resist a temptation to say that he missed a desirable boat when he did not get to grips with Len Harvey. And, if I had been Farr, I would have jumped in and got Eddie Phillips before he was matched with Arno Kolblin, by way of making atonement for failures against the young man from Bow.

VERY UNCERTAIN

I have inquired, but have had no convincing reply whether Farr's long-term contract with Mike Jacobs will hold good in the event of his being beaten in any one of the contests that might be arranged for him before Louis is ready to defend his title. What will happen if Schmeling takes the championship from Louis? Can Farr be certain that he will be matched with the German as a matter of course? When I left Max Baer in New



ringay, with whom I understand he is keeping in touch, has anything worth while to offer.

MIZLER'S VERY BEST

The talk of the town is the brilliant boxing by Harry Mizler which took him to victory against Al Roth, the American light-weight, in the ring of the National Sporting Club last Monday. Mizler never reached such heights. He approached Roth with a confidence with I did not credit him. I had come to doubt whether all his heart was in the game. He was a revelation against the American, for he not only gave a classical exposition, but he fought, whenever seriously pressed, with astonishing ferocity.

He gave a lesson to Roth that he may never forget, and stirred us all to enthusiasm. No such polished display has been given by a British boxer for years. There were rounds when Roth could not put a glove on him; and how he tried. A big-hearted likeable man, the American.

HANDS SMASHED

I am sorry to say that, when little more than half the distance had been covered, Roth smashed both his hands, and will be out of action for some weeks. But if Roth had escaped mishap, Mizler would still have proved his master. If one could be sure that Mizler is no longer moody, no native light-weight would beat him. "Except me," I can hear Dave Crowley saying.

Roth has paid generous compliments to Mizler. "He's a great fellow," he readily allows, "but, so soon as my hands are 100 per cent sound, please put me in the ring with him, and, well, just see who is the boss." I hope it will be possible to make another Mizler-Roth match. In the meantime perhaps we shall be hearing from Jimmy Walsh.

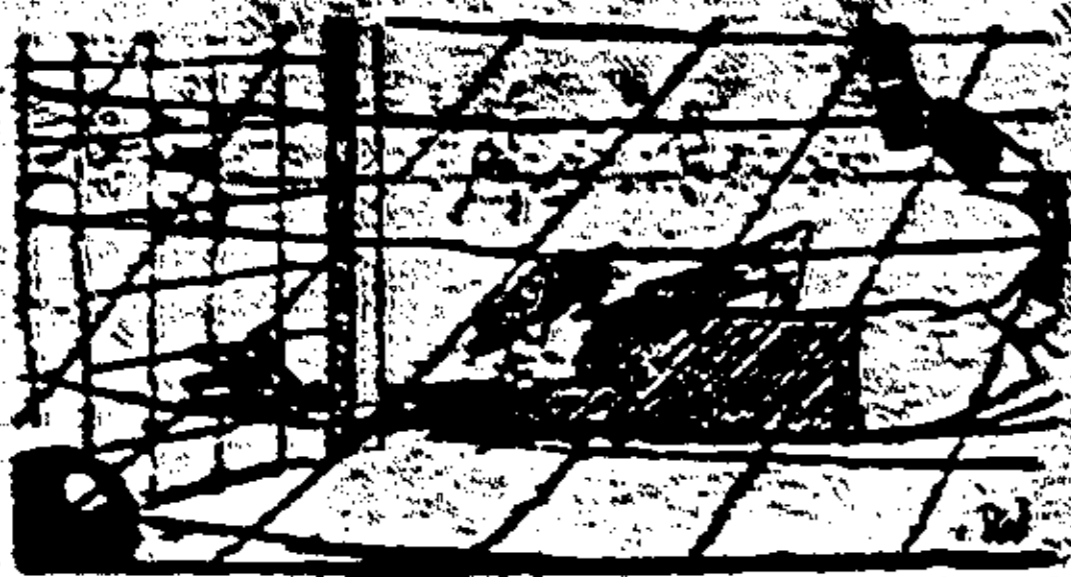
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FIRST DIVISION

Blackpool	2	Arsenal	1
*Bolton	2	Derby	0
†Chelsea	1	Charlton	1
Grimsby	1	Stoke	5
Leeds	5	Middlesbro'	3
Leicester	3	Everton	1
†Liverpool	0	Birmingham	0
Manchester C.	0	Brentford	2
Portsmouth	3	Preston	2
Sunderland	2	Huddersfield	1
p Wolves		West Brom.	

* abandoned after 37 minutes play.

† abandoned after 61 minutes play.

‡ abandoned after 7 minutes play.

p postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

*Aston Villa	v	Bradford	
Blackburn	3	Chesterfield	3
Burnley	1	Fulham	0
Bury	1	Tottenham	2
Luton	4	Barnsley	0
Newcastle	0	Stockport	0
*Notts. F.	v	Manchester U.	
Plymouth	2	Wednesday	4
Sheffield U.	3	Coventry	2
Southampton	1	Swansea	1
*West Ham	v	Norwich	

* Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	0	Torquay	0
Bristol R.	5	Walsall	2
*Clapton O.	v	Brighton	
*Crystal P.	v	Exeter	
†Gillingham	1	Notts C.	0
Mansfield	3	Cardiff	0
*Millwall	v	Aldershot	
*Northampton	v	Bristol C.	
Queen's Park	1	Southend	0
Reading	2	Swindon	1
Watford	3	Newport	0

* Postponed.

† Abandoned after 37 minutes play.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	0	Wrexham	1
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Race No. 1 2.45 p.m. "The San Wai Steeplechase"—1½ miles. A handicap for China ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.
Race No. 2 and Race No. 4—"The January Plate" and "The Hunters' Hurdle Race". (to be run as two events as classified by the Committee). 1½ miles. For China Ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase since 1st January, 1937, barred. The January Plate, a handicap, and the Hunters' Hurdle Race catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 3 "The New South Wales Handicap". A steeplechase of 1¼ miles for Australian Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 5 "The Happy Valley Handicap". A flat race of 1 mile. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" and "E" classes and that have not won \$500 or more since 1st January, 1937. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed. Winner \$100; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$40. Entry Fee \$5.
Open to Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Owners entering for this race, and Jockeys who are not Members of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will have the privileges of the Club for the day.

Entries close to the Secretaries, Messrs. Thomson and Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, January 4, 1938, at noon.

Ponies entered for the Happy Valley Handicap will be transported free by ferry and rail on Saturday, January 15, returned on Monday, January 17, and kept at Kwanti without charge.

Chester	2	Rotherham	3
Darlington	1	Hull	3
Gateshead	2	York	2
Hartlepool	2	Crews	2
†New Brighton	0	Oldham	0
*Port Vale	v	Lincoln	
Rochdale	0	Accrington	1
Southport	2	Halifax	2

* Postponed.

† Abandoned at half-time.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

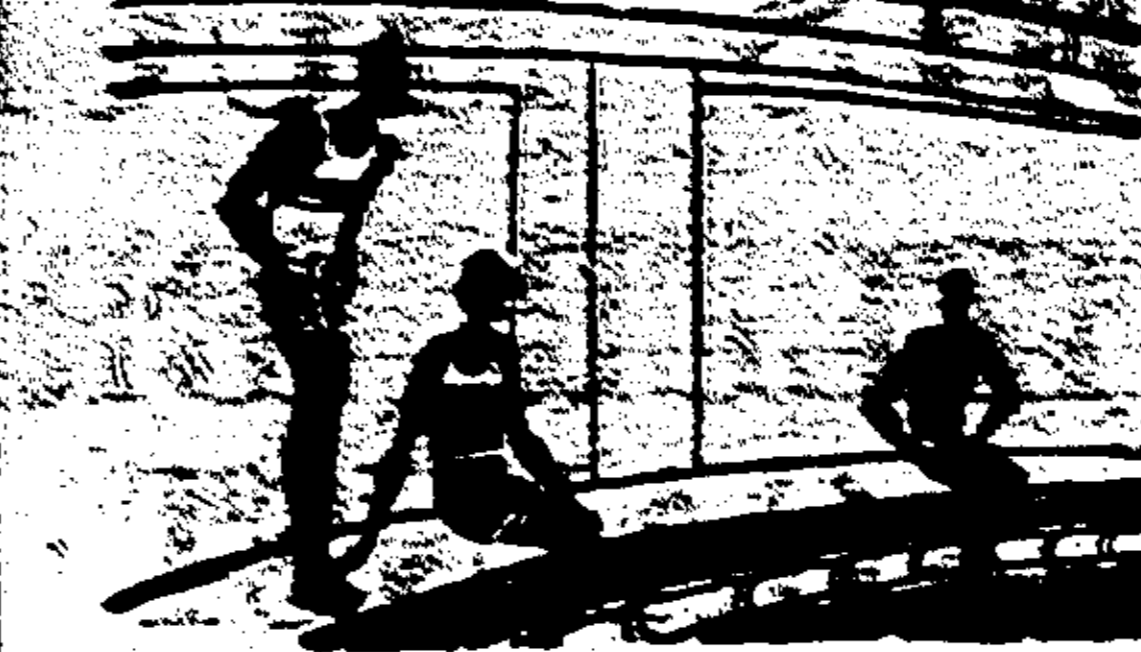
FIRST DIVISION

Ayr	0	Arbroath	1
Celtic	8	Kilmarnock	0
Dundee	2	Morton	2
Falkirk	2	Queen's Park	0
Hibernian	1	Hamilton	1
Motherwell	5	Queen O's	1
Partick	3	Aberdeen	1
St. Johnstone	1	Rangers	5
St. Mirren	6	Clyde	1
Third Lanark	3	Hearts	0

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	4	Edinburgh	2
Alloa	0	St. Bernards	1
Brechin	0	Dumfries	4
Cowdenbeath	2	Albion	3
Dundee	4	Raith Rovers	4
East Fife	4	King's Park	0
Forfar	5	East Stirling	0
Leith	3	Montrose	2
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Competing In The Empire Games

WORLD BREAST-STROKE CHALLENGE

(By "SIX-BEAT")

Sydney, November 11.

Already 15 nations have accepted invitations to compete at the Empire games in Sydney next February. This constitutes a record, when the games were at Hamilton (Canada) seven years ago, 11 nations were represented and 14 in London in 1934.

From Bermuda, the sole representative will be Percy Belvin, a breaststroke swimmer, who recently beat the 200 metres Olympic breaststroke record of T. Hamaro, of Japan. He swam at the Berlin Olympiad and did very well, though he was unsuccessful. He has since improved out of sight and must be given a great chance of winning in Sydney.

Rhodesia is sending V. Aitken, 14 year-old wonder girl and junior champion of South Africa. She will be accompanied by three of the following four:—Miss R. Baker, 16 years; Miss E. Lewis, 14 years; Miss N. Lewis, 15 years; and Miss J. Baker, 18 years.

Ceylon will send a men's 110 yards freestyle swimmer. A selection has yet to be made.

Scotland is sending W. Francis, of Renfrew, and Miss Margaret Hamilton, of Glasgow. It is also possible that Miss Margot Graham, 19-year-old Scottish junior champion and backstroke record holder, and Miss Margaret McDowall, a 17-year-old sprinter, will make the trip.

The Canadian team has not been finally announced, but it is expected to include 18-year-old Mary Baggeley, of Vancouver club, who is certain to prove tough in freestyle events.

At the recent Canadian title meeting she won the 100 yards sprint in 62sec, bettering the Dominion record of 62 3-5sec.

She then annexed the 200 yards title in 2min 26sec and the 330 yards in 11min 57 1-5sec.

She is also a member of her club's 200 yards relay championship team, which won in 2min 7 2-5sec. Her figures are much better than any that were registered by Australian swimmers last season. Closest are those of Evelyn de Lacy (W.A.) and Dorothy Green (W.A.), who did 69sec and 69 1-5sec in the championship for 110 yards. Both Australian girls have recorded better times for 200 yards than Miss Baggeley, but in the 330 yards her time is 20 1-5sec faster than that of Miss de Lacy when she won the 300 metres, which is 5 yards 3¼ inches shorter.

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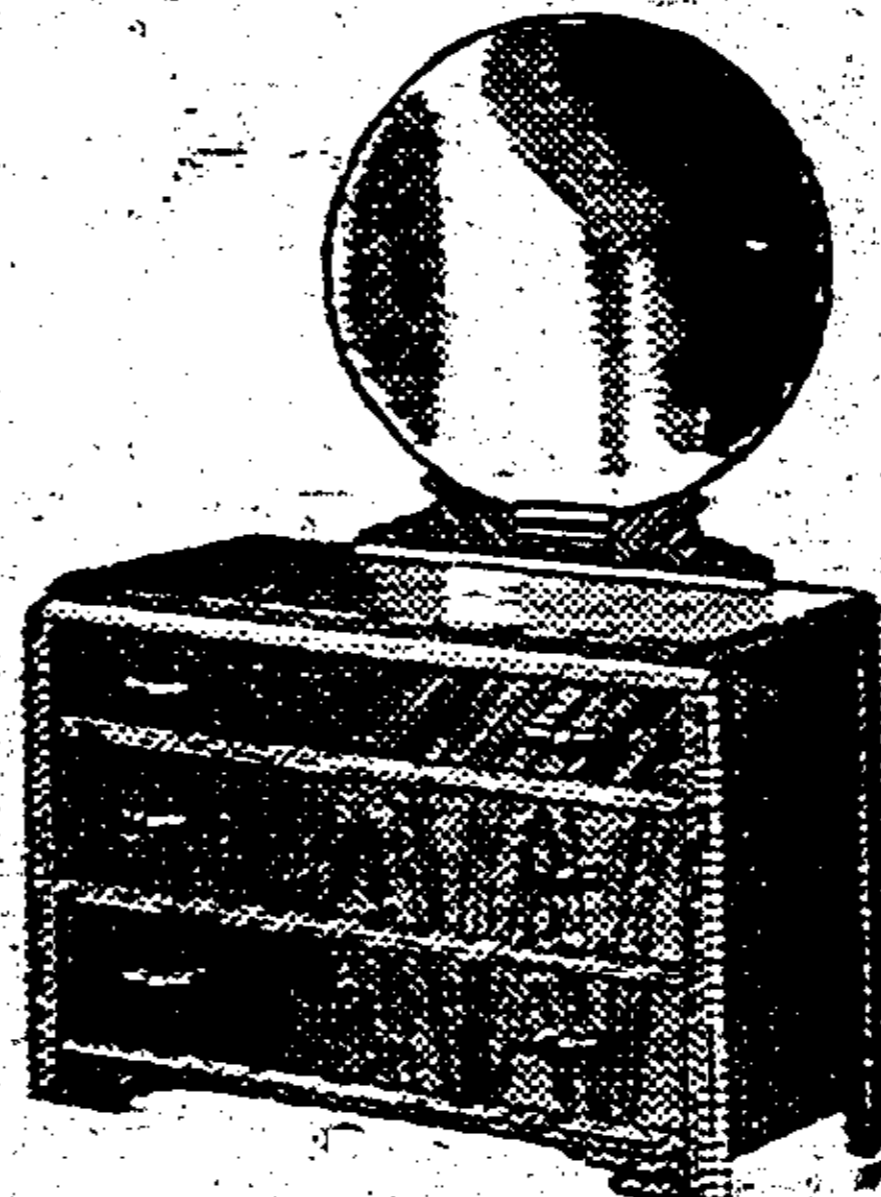
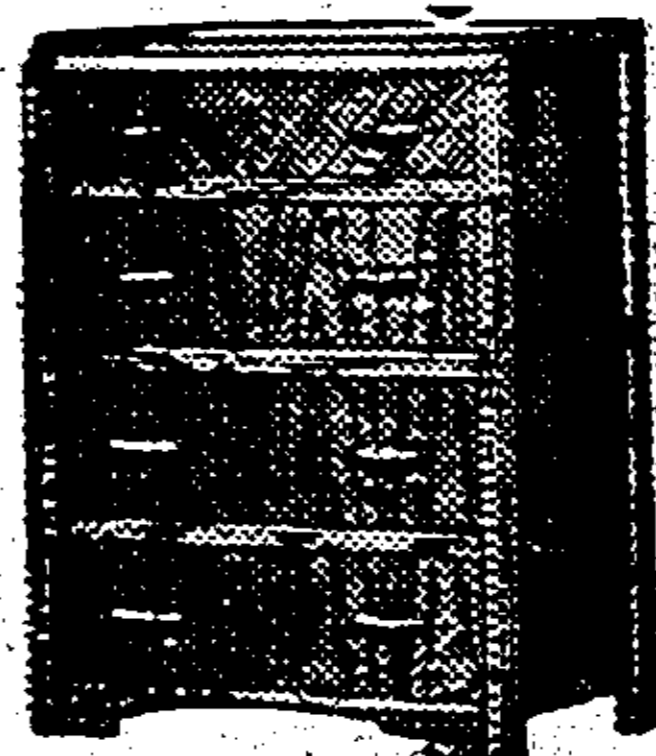
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seafront about 7 p.m. on Christmas night.

Three Chinese walking on the pavement were struck, one of them being crushed to death on the spot, while another was so seriously injured that he died soon afterwards. The other Chinese was also injured but not seriously.

The Portuguese driver and his companion, who was sitting next to him, received injuries from splintered glass.

The police are still investigating the incident.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHRISTMAS JOYRIDERS VISIT CAR PARKS

Several reports of motor car thefts have been made to the Police during the Christmas holidays. Mr. L. A. Silva of No. 29, Kimberley Road, lost his motorcycle which was parked in Gascoigne Road. Car No. 1655 belonging to Mr. J. McKelvie, of the Kowloon Docks, was taken from the same place, while a hired car, No. 2315, belonging to Messrs Gilman and Co., and in the name of Col. R. Macpherson, of No. 4, Cumberland Road, was stolen from the Salisbury car park.

HOTEL BOY'S JOY-RIDE

Chui Leung, aged 28, a dining room boy at the Repulse Bay Hotel was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy, on pleading guilty to driving car No. 4602 without a driver's licence in Des Voeux Road on Christmas night. For driving the car without permission of the owner he was fined another \$25.

Traffic Sergeant Dall said that a report was made at 1.45 a.m. by Colonel T. W. Haycraft R.E., that his car had been stolen from Repulse Bay. Sergeant Dall saw defendant driving a car which answered the description of the missing car and arrested him.

The only excuse defendant could give was that it was Christmas and he had a few drinks and had urgent business in town.

Another boy, Yeung Hung, charged with the same offences, was discharged. He was not driving the car and said that he was asked to go for a ride by first defendant.

Mrs. Brown, residing at the Mongkok Fire Station, has reported the loss of a handbag containing money and articles to the value of \$30, from her car, parked in the street.

Major C. MacDonald, of No. 16, Humphreys Building, lost his driver's licence and four keys, taken from his car, No 2632.

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